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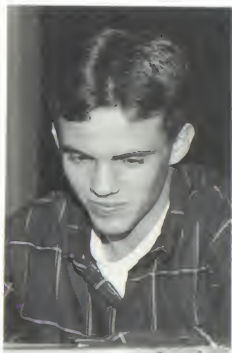
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# It's Not Over 'Til It's **O**VER



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# It's Not 'Til It's Over OVER

## WE MOVE FORWARD

**S**o much of life is spent waiting. Waiting for events and circumstances to end and new one to begin, so people can move forward. Goals and achievements are set, and lifetimes are spent trying to accomplish them — but what happens then?

After all the learning and experience is over, after all is said and done, the goals are reached, the achievements have been recognized.

Are all the experiences and all the challenges over? Not by a long shot! Life is a chain of events and experiences that should never come to an end. No one ever stops learning; new experiences always present themselves.

Once goals are accomplished, make new ones. Keep reaching for the stars and experience life to its fullest. We only have one life to live and we should make the most of it. Never quit.

Keep trying new things and conquering new feats. After all, *It's Not Over 'Til It's Over*.

□ Karen Vander Wall

Mr. Adam Baez and cheerleader Anne Zygmunt show their spirit for Homecoming '93 in different ways. Both were enthusiastic through all the activities of Homecoming.





Sarah Halland  
Brad Klemm  
prove that posi-  
tivity and nega-  
tivity coincide.

Craig Maloney  
displays his emo-  
tions for the mu-  
sic during half-  
time of the game.





Whether it's bringing new spirit to a home game such as Laura Hoolehan, Jill Bogus, Melissa Thull and Tiffany Wojciechowski, or getting together like Tony Sowinski, John Weed and Steve Weed, students know how to keep it moving on the way.







## THE WAY AHEAD

**B**yond all the stereotypes in magazines and on tv, this year's student body has again shown how a large group of true individuals can make it in their own way.

Highland High has its share of leaders in many areas of high school life. There are those who not only lead the big school groups such as Student Council, classes, and various organizations. There are also those who day to day influence their peers and help guide the thinking and the actions of many.

With the news of new violence, addiction and challenges with AIDS and gangs part of this year's history, HS students seem to have made a pact with themselves and their future to strive for a positive, productive future. With students acting in Snowflake and Natural Helpers, and others testing their leadership skills in Operation RESIST and simple classroom discussions, this has been the year of making a difference, all the while realizing we are all still **ON THE WAY!**

Using the telephone to keep up communications with friends and family before and after school is easy, as shown by Leslie Pruim, Jennifer Mathews, and Melissa Howell.

There is nothing like simple communication to make sure others know what we're thinking and how we feel about issues, says junior Kim Easto, before school in the cafeteria.

*We can make a difference  
even while we're on the way*





Chris Molnar, Ukyong Chong, and Lisa Hurtt spice up the year in different ways.





Steve Dopka enjoys scarfing down a delicious pie during Superstars.



## Just The Beginning

**Y**ou've just walked through the doors of HHS. It's 8:08 a.m. Monday morning. You sigh and wonder if it will be like last week, a test in every class, or it could be like the week before last, pizza and CFS all in one.

Those thoughts going through your head are anticipation. It's the mixed feelings you get in the beginning of just about everything.

The beginning of any problem is scary. Eventually, you have to face it. If you never start it, how will you end it? You then remember there's a 50/50 chance the end will come out much better than you could have ever imagined.

The incentive to start something is called courage. You need plenty of it just to get through everyday. Where can you see an example of this courage? Why, at Highland High School, of course! Every person who walks in a cold and rainy Monday morning shows it. They prove that they want to see the end to something that they might call...*Just the Beginning.*

□ Alice Zakrzacki, Alicia Castillo

Senior Judy Fabris looks back on her four years of high school, while Tina Smith and Tracy Ziemiak begin learning from a new lab in a Chemistry II class.





# HHS LIFE

# SPIRIT

From Homecoming To Prom  
HHS Moves To A Sweet Beat

**I**t is very obvious that high school is more than books and classes, teachers and homework. It's ironic that while high school is a time of pressure and stress, it can also provide students with some of the best times of their lives.

Even in the midst of all the pressure everyone finds time to escape. Dances like Prom and Turnabout, football and basketball games, and just hanging out with friends are just some of the things that let us get away from it all.

Student life is all these things and more. It's everything that we do with our time. For many of us it involves jobs, sports, vacations with friends, or just going to see the latest flick on a Saturday night. It's spending time at friends' houses, or at a favorite restaurant, and even those rare moments spent by ourselves.

Whatever it is that students of HHS do with their time, it's what shapes all our days and years at school and what gives this school the kind of spirit that it has.

— Karen Vander Wall

Because school is not just books, students quickly learn that success in any school revolves around getting in clubs, sports, and student life.



Angela Pirosko, Matt Trudeau and Ryan Summers pose while Josh Galihier and Ryan give blood. Above, Kelly Martin, Danielle Drlich, Brian Barr, Chris Orrick and Scott Shaginaw share ideas.





# TIME WARP

## HOMECOMING

Despite an early date and a wet week only spirit reigned

During the week of September 20th to the 25th, no Highland High School student would've thought he or she was were in the 1990's. Instead the hallways was filled in a Time Warp. Let's take it day by day.

Monday, the first day of Spirit Week, was the traditional Hat and College Day. "A lot of my friends showed their spirit on this day since we're no longer allowed to wear hats around school anymore," says sophomore Adri Lona.

Time Warp theme began with 50's Day. On Tuesday, many teeny boppers flickered around with poodle skirts, handkerchiefs, and high ponytails, while others wore jeans and white T shirts with greased hair. Highland was definitely making their own version to the movie "Grease."

At mid-week there was a 60's Day. Woodstock blasted from the past with circular sunglasses, bandanas, tie-dyed apparels, bell bottoms, and sandals. Peace was the emotion lingering throughout the school.

That night was the annual Home-

Rachelle Rhoades and Katie Schmidt join classmates enjoying the Flower Power spirit of the Homecoming Dance. Below, dressing up for the Homecoming Parade was fun.

coming Parade followed by Superstars. Each class had its own float that was decorated according to its own time demension. The parade also included the participation of many HHSSclubs, and elementary schools. The Homecoming Court sat in convertibles, while the HHS Trojans

to take part in the different events. The events included: pyramid building, sharp shooting, tug-o-war, the almighty pie eating, and many others. The Juniors won Superstars.

On 70's Day, Thursday Night Fever Day, many students were prancing to the beat of the song "Staying Alive" from the soundtrack of *Saturday Night Fever*.

Then came Friday, the most exciting day of it all. The Blue and Gold was seen on staff, teachers, and students. During 6th hour students were dismissed from class to gather in the Field House for a pep rally to really get the spirit pumping. That evening, numerous devoted Highland Trojans and supporters came out desiring a victory over the L.C. Indians. The air was charged with loud cheers, and although Highland lost, the energy and spirit from the supporters created a night of memories.

Finally, Saturday night drew near. The cafeteria was decorated with tissue flowers, peace signs, and streamers representing the "Flower Power" theme of the dance. Everyone was spruced up in their Sunday best, since Homecoming is semi semi-formal.

On the whole, Homecoming '93 holds memories of laughter, thrill, and enjoyment for everyone.

□ Alicia Castillo Flores



were in a truck. Although it drizzled during the parade, Highland's enthusiasm seemed to provide a protective shield over it.

Superstars shone brightly. The bleachers were raving with students supporting their class and awaiting their turn



# FLOWER POWER

## Homecoming '93

### Ami Porte, Mike Schmidt lead royalty at spirit-filled Highland High festivities

**A**round 5:30 P.M., on September 22, the Our Lady of Grace's parking lot was a mass hysteria. The usual calm of downtown Highland was disturbed as the annual Homecoming Parade began to form.

There were floats seen everywhere which belonged to the various HHS clubs and classes. Even the elementary schools showed their Trojan pride by participating for their second year in a row. Students were dressed up according to their float topic in outfits which included bell bottoms, poodle skirts, tie dyed, and blue and gold.

The Senior Class showed off their "Peace" float while the Class of '95 exposed their "Staying Alive" football player. The Sophomores were excited to show their blue and gold football jerseys,

and the Freshmen couldn't stop bee bopping to the tunes of the 50's.

Near six o'clock, the sky became darker, and drops began to fall. While rain dampened the floats, it did not dampen the spirit of all participants who were ready to march.

Nothing to fear, the parade continued as planned, with the liveliness apparent in all the loyal students and groups which took part!

Highland High School definitely knows how to take the show on the road, no matter what problems may arise.

□ Alicia Castillo Flores

Tracy Ziemniak, Melissa Zimmerman, and Jessica Kobeska showed their spirit at the pep rally, then cheered at the Homecoming Game.

Mike Schmidt and Ami Porte were crowned king and queen for Homecoming '93. They were chosen from a field of twelve senior candidates.

Juniors Amy Govert, Alicia Castillo-Flores, Jill Petska, Alison Hill, and Kelly Biesen portrayed their school colors at the game.



Laura Mesmen performs her routine during half-time of the Homecoming Game. She is a part of the Highland Dance Team.





Football players Tony Sowinski, Tom Michalak, and Nate Damasius get fired up before the game. They played their hardest that night.

FLOWER POWER



# HOMECOMING



Ben Waldron, Todd Martin, Tony Lane and Linda Montalvo show their spirit as they join in the senior class pyramid.

The junior class cheers on their classmates at the pep rally. Robin Bognar and Jennifer Novak help compete in tug-o-war.



# SUPERSTARS!

## Juniors win in total of events

**T**he spirit of the students could be seen and heard throughout the gym. After all the grueling competition, the class with the most spirit would come out victorious.

Superstars brought out the determination and spirit of everyone cheering for their class. The juniors succeeded in winning the majority of the events. However, the competition was far from easy. Junior Frank LaSota says, "I didn't think we would win the volleyball matches because the competition was tough. I was even more surprised when the juniors won superstars."

The new events presented were hippity hop, sharp shooting, and the football relay. They added to the enjoyment of superstars. Junior Melissa Zimmerman states, "I felt ridiculous, but the hippity hop

event was a fun experience. I really enjoyed helping my class win." Other events that students participated in were the pie eating contest, volleyball, tug-of-war, wheelbarrow race, and the toilet paper relay.

Many of the spectators who watched were disappointed they didn't join in the fun. Sophomore Gina Polsinelli remarks, "I wish I would have signed up to participate. It looked like everyone was having a great time."

School spirit did not end over night though. It was evident that Friday during the pep rally and the Homecoming Game.

For those who did not take part, there is always next year to show off the old school spirit. The more involved one gets, the more happy memories one can take away from high school.

□ Laura Cichon

Junior Ann Zygmunt bounced away in the hippity hop event. Todd Martin and Joel Woodward enjoyed the wheelbarrow race.

Freshmen Brandi Johnsen, Jen Faragoi, and Regan Wallner pulled their hardest in the tug-of-war for the freshmen class.

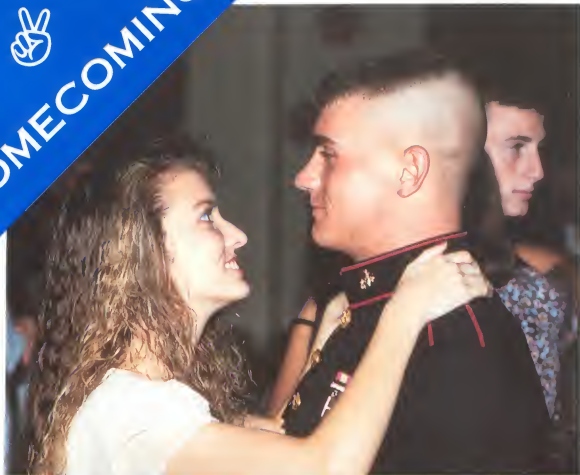


Junior Jen Cunningham and senior Steve Dopka participated in the pie eating contest. They were both the winners.

FLOWER POWER



# HOMECOMING



Alumni Keith Loudermilk in uniform dances with his girlfriend, Valerie Rieckhoff. He is a member of the United States Marines.

Junior Rachelle Rhoades dances to the oldies but goodies at the Homecoming dance, which featured the theme "Flower Power."

Sophomores Kelly Martin, Danielle Derlich, and Gina Polsinelli join the line dance that stretched across the dance floor.

# Flower Power Fivin'

## Homecoming theme sends students dancing to oldies but goodies

**T**he Homecoming Dance this year took a "blast" into the past. Peace signs and flowers gave a groovy 60's flashback to the cafeteria. Old time favorites were played, as well as the best of the 90's.

Students danced the night away reliving the past with the motions of the "YMCA" and "The Time Warp." Junior Kelly Herald says, "I never realized how the 60's beat could be danced to. It was a groovy experience."

The night sent all students into the past. They were blasted into the 60's and 70's where their parents once roamed. Junior Alicia Castillo-Flores says, "It was different to find myself dancing to what my parents thought was 'cool'."

Sophomores Susan Sprainis, Molly Gembolis, and Carrie Ruhs are enjoying the fun the Homecoming Dance provides.

The Homecoming Court was Linda Montavlo, Kevin Loane, Shelby Smothers, Scott Shaginaw, Tobi Timm, Mike Schimdt, and Amy Porte. The king and queen were Mike Schmidt and Ami Porte. The court danced to "When I Fall in Love" which was the homecoming song.

The dance not only let students experience the past. It also brought a smile to everyone's face. Sophomore Selena Cox states, "The dance brought a lot of people together."

□ Laura Cichon

Freshmen Melissa Grey, Deana Crum, and Corin Bahr dance the night away as they see how much fun school dances can be.

This crowd photograph illustrates the fun and enjoyment that all students have at the various school functions throughout the year.



FLOWER POWER





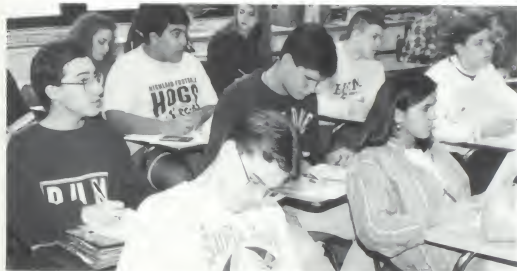
Putting in the first fire drill of the year amid strong late summer heat, students dealt with getting back to normal in the new school, even among building blocks.

Mandy Striker brought new attitudes to the newly-renovated school, deciding that hard work in science class was necessary, because it counted.

Front Office secretary Mrs. Marilyn Kuiper helped all high school family members get used to the new schedule and newly-renovated building.







## BECAUSE It Counts

*There is always a way*

There may be a lot of different reasons why people do the things they do, but one of the mottos around Highland High is one that answers questions about work and involvement with one phrase — *Because It Counts!*

From getting extra study time in before school outside a locker to giving one's best effort to the group techniques of Cooperative Learning, the message seemed to move quietly throughout the school — that a lot of things were important because they counted. Taking prep classes for the PSAT and SAT took extra effort and time, but students did it because it counted.

There were long hours of practice in sports and theatre events, yet students and staff went to them willingly just because they had decided that those things counted. That's the way Highland lived this year!

Bill Miller gets in some extra study time at his locker before school starts. Left, Calculus draws the seniors' attention as September begins.

The group concept of Cooperative Learning demands extra concentration for students such as Matt Denny and Javier Guerrero.

# FANTASTICKS A Parable About Love Poe, Trudeau star in fall show

The first show of the '93-'94 Highland Theatre Company season was *The Fantasticks*, a small show with a cast of only nine players.

The show is about two young people named Matt and Louisa, played by Matt Trudeau and Jennie Poe, who fall in love despite a feud between their parents Hucklebee and Bellomy. These two parts were played by Dave Blair and Mary Calloway.

The feud is just a hoax, so the parents hire El Gallo, Chris Slager, to pretend to kidnap Louisa so that Matt may save her, thus allowing the parents to allow the marriage because of his bravery.

El Gallo is assisted in his abduction by Henry, Angie Piroso, and The Man Who Dies, Mortimer, played by Ryan Summers. El Gallo and the other characters are either helped or hindered by the two mutes — Sarah Hull representing the good in humanity, and Brad Klemm, representing the bad.

The show ran Nov. 12, 13, 19, and 20. The Production Manager was Jason Kaminsky, and Laura Abraham was Assis-

tant Production Manager.

Mr. Marty Grubbs, Theatre Director, was aided by Assistant Director Sherry Ver Wey. The play's lights were controlled by Lighting Manager Mary Albrecht and Jeff Hassel. Stage Managers for this show were Karen Gaskey and Chris Linder.

The Sound Team consisted of Tony Lewis, John Baccino, and Dave Grove. Props were made and designed by Properties Designers Sarah Hull and Jenie Poe, and Assistant Properties Designer Melanie Wilson.

Karen Gaskey was Scenic Artist; Kristi Taylor was House Manager, assisted by Sue Rhoades and Chantelle Warner. The box office was run by Diane Karin and Brian McCullom. Other show workers were Chris Andrus, Natalie Moore, Justin Poe and Sherri Popplewell.

□ Brad Klemm

New Vocal Music Director Mr. Victor Pazik brought new enthusiasm to the show. Far right, Brad Klemm played a mute.



Playing the good mute in this year's fall musical was Sarah Hull, a junior and veteran Theatre Company member.

Above, Mary Calloway and Jenny Poe act a scene. Right, Tony Lewis and Jenny Poe discuss lighting possibilities.





The cast and crew stop for a *Fantasticks* shot with Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Pazik. Above are Matt Trudeau, Jenny Poe, Ryan Summers, Chris Slager, and Angela Pirosko.

# Turnabout '93

Jennifer Bognar and Todd Martin took royalty

It was a night of white snow flakes, silver stars, and balloons of shades: midnight blue, light blue, and pearl. The theme of Turnabout '93 was the Search Is Over, and it was held at St. George Serbian Hall on December 11. It may have been snowy and gray outside, but inside there were beautiful, glittery dresses and formal suits. Once the music started, the mood of the night caught hold and people started to dance. Then it was the time to find out who would be crowned king and queen. The court consisted of Paula Zaborowski, Jason Spoljoric, Rebecca Tabor, Todd Martin,

Erin Ring, Brian Loane, Karrie Phillips, Tony Lane, Jennifer Bognar, Steven Dopka, Mary Johnson, and Alan Keightley. Finally the search was over, Todd Martin was nominated as king and Jennifer Bognar as queen. The evening was a success and filled with enjoyment. The evening wouldn't have been possible without the help of those on Turnabout committee.

□ Alicia Castillo- Flores,

Karen Vander Wall

Seniors Shelby Smothers, Arin Betchen, Amanda Norris and Michelle Sprainis were having fun dancing in a mambo line at Turnabout this year.



Court is: Alan Keightley, Paula Zaborowski, Jason Spoljoric, Erin Ring, King Todd Martin, Rebecca Tabor, Brian Loane, Queen Jennifer Bognar, Tony Lane, Mary Johnson, Steve Dopka, and Karrie Phillips.



Junior Amanda Butcher enjoys listening to her boyfriend alumni, Larry Scott sing the night away, while Kim Vazquez grooves to the beat of one of her favorite songs.





Senior Amanda Dyson shares some of her thoughts with her friend on the dance floor, while Don Rench and Karrie Phillips ham it up for the movie camera that evening.

Sophomores Kelly Martin and Bridget Norris made their friend Rusty Gordon's night by saving him a dance that night at Turnabout. All three of them are good friends.

Seniors Richard Opperman and Linda Montalvo relaxed for a while between songs when most dancers had a ball dancing to the ever popular "YMCA" that night.



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# VALUES

*What we hold dearest*

*What gives reason to our acts*

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While the magazines and a lot of talk television and radio shows spent much time this year discussing teens and their possible lack of values, HDS students have looked into their own treasure chests, and found a great many things which they hold dear, and what makes them dear in their own lives.

In this year possibly more than in any of the past years, high school students have had to face the judgement of both the media and the comments of others in society.

The rash of violence which showed itself in everything from murders done by children to some judgements about how teens think only about themselves have driven those in the teen years into the front pages, the headlines, and the magazine covers of the country.

There were magazine covers from *Time* to *Newsweek* which stated violence is out of control in the country, and in response there were offers from the makers of video games and movies to tone down the violence. While some entertainers hit the top of

the music charts, there were others who were successful in music but who drew fire from those who felt they were preaching the wrong values.

In response to this, many HHS students took a hard look at what their own values are. They found a deep need to respect and rely on their families, and to look for comfort and support from people who are their real friends.

HHS students also felt the fear of a future which lies in the next century, but felt they could meet that new century if they held on to the values of spirit, caring, keeping to their moral values, and believing in their ability to make a positive difference in the world.

Values? HHS students have them, and they're right on track for an even brighter future ahead of us all!

Senior Lisa Kurowski stays optimistic that most teens today have the right values and the right attitudes toward the world of tomorrow.

# SELF-ESTEEM

## *Without It We Have a Hard Time Learning To Make the Right Decisions*

We have  
to begin  
with self-  
esteem.  
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that, we  
will not  
see true  
value in  
almost  
anything  
else.

**A**s teens tend to set out their list of values, one of the most basic values seems to be most important.

Some Highland students feel self-esteem plays a vital role in the success or failure of people's lives. Many times low self-esteem may trigger depression, the feeling of worthlessness, or denying to let others into people's lives.

Keeping this in mind, here are some hints in boosting self-esteem

The first thing to remember about self-esteem is that no one can give a person self-esteem. No one can be painted with it. Sadly, however, others can definitely lower it.

Gaining self-esteem is simply to accept yourself as you are, and as you are on the way. This doesn't mean a person has reached perfection. It only means we accept the fact of who we are and what we can and cannot do. This can be as simple as standing in front of a mirror and noticing some good and bad qualities in appearance. The more relaxed we become, the more accepting we are.

Guilt plays a vital role in lowering self-esteem. When guilt strikes, a good way to keep self-esteem levels up would be to invent a way for allowing self-forgiveness.

Often we tend to be too hard on ourselves, expecting perfection, and without the ability to forgive ourselves, we can easily get so down on ourselves it is difficult to rise above feelings of self-doubt.

Replacing the negative aspects of life with positive ones can greatly improve self-esteem. Studies have shown that people who judge their own behavior harshly are also harsh in their judgements of others.

In general, many other people look for self-confidence and self-respect everywhere except where they should be looking, inside themselves.

Inside is where true self-esteem lies. The most significant characteristic of a healthy self-esteem is that it is an attitude of acceptance of one's own person, not at war with others and not at war with one's self.

Keep these tips in mind so the next time any negative energy tries to hurt your self-concept, you can realize you yourself are equipped to fight off depression, and move with a positive approach into the future, knowing you can handle what it will present to you.

□ Kari Lessner

## To Not Be At War With Yourself Or Others . . .







Friends, above, find the comfort and joy of each other at such events as the sophomore Christmas Party. Here good friends pose for the camera.

Rachel Guzman, Terry McDonald, Koula Amanatidis and Phil Wognicz too some time in October to enjoy each other's good humor.

Left, Adam Hershman knows value lies also in doing one's best. That not only builds self-esteem, but success as well.

# THE BALANCING ACT

## Making it all happen isn't always easy

**O**K, if I work on my English paper tonight after practice, then I can do my Trig assignment on the bus and my history poster before I go to work. But then there's my chem lab that's due Friday...

Sound familiar? It should, because it's the one law of physics you won't learn in a classroom. It's the law of balance -- balancing your life, that is.

Every day, teens are faced with the reality that they have a lot to do in a small amount of time -- because, let's face it, there simply aren't enough hours in the day. Between part-time jobs, sports, clubs, and, of course, homework, a 40 hour day would definitely suit the needs of most Highland teens. Adding an active social life to the formula complicates life even further. "It's great to have a job in high school except when it interferes in your social life," says junior Susan Kulczyk. Unfortunately, the times when a job doesn't keep you from going out are few and far between.

On the other hand, employers are becoming more sensitive to the needs of

their young employees. According to senior Karen VanderWall, "Whenever I need off, I just have to ask for it and they're really cool about it." Indeed, most employers understand that there are important events in students' lives that they simply can't miss!

Even without a job, the balancing act can still be extremely difficult. As students get older, they naturally gain more responsibilities. School work becomes more difficult, and teachers assign a lot more of it. There are also more activities to get involved in and more freedom from parents to do what you want to do. Then, of course, there's the future to plan for. Decisions about colleges and careers have to be made, and there are college visits to go on and endless applications to fill out.

With so much to do and so little time, it's easy to get burned out. Perhaps the best advice was given by Stacie Zivic, who comments, "You should take time out each day to do one thing that you consider important."

□ Katie Schmidt

At right, senior Karen Gaskey catches up on homework. Despite the many leadership positions she holds, Karen always manages to keep every-thing together.

Not even lunch hour is sacred from the duties of Algebra II homework, as shown by Alicia Castillo - Flores, Rachelle Rhoades, and Anne Scofield.

## A Day In The LIFE



**6:15** Your alarm goes off. Hit the snooze button and go back to sleep.

**7:15** Your overslept!! Hit the shower, dress, and grab some food (eat some cookies in the car).

**8:10** Another wonderful day of school begins.

**11:30 LUNCH!!** Do the homework that you didn't do last night.

**2:35** School's out! Run home, change, and dash to work before you're late.

**9:00** Arrive home after hours of flipping burgers. Do your homework as long as you can.

**12:30 (Maybe!)** Collapse into bed. Don't get too used to it, though. You have to start all over again in a few hours!



# FASHION U



Sophomore Danielle Drlich shows her style. Model Cindy Crawford talks about the latest fashions in Planet Hollywood. Both displaying the retro bellbottom look.



Junior Jenny Mathews smiles to show Highland's '93-'94 fashion. She is wearing all the high points of today's style, including the right kind of shoes and earrings.

"Shoes  
are what  
makes  
the  
outfit"

Cindy Crawford

The old fashions you saw in your high school every day were the tight jeans rolled at the bottom, big sweaters, and penny loafers.

These fashions are slowly fading away as new fashions are coming fast and hard. More people are wearing bell bottoms, tight body shirts and the platform shoes.

Shoes are a big issue of '93-'94 apparel. Why? Because "shoes make the outfit" says Cindy Crawford, one of America's top cover girls. An outfit is not complete without the proper shoes.

Guess, Esprit and Z Cavericci used to be the name brands to wear. Now along with those it's Cross Colors, Girbaud Rugby and tight shirts. Styles from the 70's are popular now.

Along with the name brand clothing, Jewelry can also dress up an outfit.. Choker necklaces and big rings are in. All these styles can be found at Networks, Rave, Limited, Express and Merry Go Round.

The final note of this fashion update is be comfortable!

□ Kelly Herald



# JAMMIN' WITH THE BANDS

## Local groups on the rise

### Pearl Jam, Cypress Hill gain in teen popularity

**M**usic. One form of entertainment that makes the world go round. From the east coast "Hip Hop", to the "Southern Twang", and the west coast "Seattle Sound", teenagers across the country are gaining an appreciation for the latest music. Up and coming bands such as Pearl Jam and Cypress Hill are a few of the groups paving the way for the new music scene. "Alice in Chains is my personal favorite," quotes junior Steve Stasny.

As for local artists, tapping into this sound is not the easiest way to get the recognition they desire. Smashing Pumpkins, a Chicago based band, has worked hard for many years on creating a sound that is all their own. Urge Overkill is yet another band that has been paying their dues all over the

Local area band *Rain* with hosts a concert for victims of one of the biggest floods in American history, the Mississippi River summer floods, at the Musicians Guild Hall in Hammond.

Midwest region.

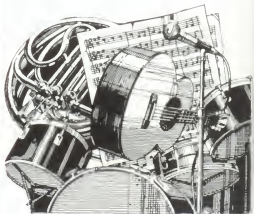
Although Smashing Pumpkins and Urge Overkill have well established themselves in this area, it's a little harder for teenage bands. Coming up with enough money for equipment and studio time is almost impossible. Battling for a gig anytime, anywhere is also a problem that never seems to go away. "Playing in a band is something I've always wanted to do," freshman Bill Mayer says, "ever since I was little." Bands such as Your Neighbor's, Rain, Alison's Mailbox, and the Renegade Clowns have all been working extremely hard for the last few years going in and out of the studios and fighting for places to play. But the bands never lose focus on what's really important to them, having fun.

□ Jason Tarka

"The Basement" is a common practice area for most "garage" bands on the local scene. Here, Alison's Mailbox works on a new song for their latest demo.

With so much emphasis placed on music in the lives of teens, it is inevitable that Highland students join area musicians for not only a lot of good creativity and jammin', but also a possible chance to make it in the world of music entertainment.

No matter if it's a garage or a local hall, there is always a place for people who love music to get together and make some special music of their own!







Freshman Bill Mayer gives an idea on how many chords are used in the recording studio. One microphone is needed for every piece of equipment.



Junior Steven Stasny sets up his guitar at "Fastrax" recording studio which is located in Steiger, IL. Steve has been playing guitar for two years.



HHS student Adam Wolak is a drummer for the local group Rain. He also does vocals from time to time. Steve is a senior this year.



# MAKING

The secret to  
moving on is  
simply  
knowing how  
to make it  
happen

**A**fter all the theories on why some people succeed and others do not, it seems that one of the greatest characteristics those who succeed have in common is their ability to simply make something happen.

From keeping up one's spirits through a tough sports season to contacting those we care about on the phone, the news is that the people who have that something special inside of them to

Despite a tough season football players Mike Metrick, Chris Orrick and Steve Dopka kept up a positive attitude as they made things happen.

make things happen are the real winners.

While some people will tend to shrug their shoulders and say there is just no way, or that they can't do something because of one stumbling block or another, there are others who see beyond the myriad barriers that stop others.

The ability to make things happen is often the significant characteristic of those who move to the leadership roles in their classes, careers, sports or clubs. They are also those who tend to be winners in their lives. They are the ones others turn to because they are the





Leslie Pruim knows to make things happen one often just has to pick up a phone and make contact with those who can make a difference.

Bettering one's accent through conversation in French 2 class are Jason Robinson and Selena Cox, practicing before the start of class.



# IT HAPPEN

## *Positive Thinking Makes The Difference*

ones who have the ability to see beyond the challenges and get things done, no matter what the barriers they find.

Is this a gift given only to the fortunate few? No. It is a quality and an attitude about life anyone can make his or her own, and it's an attitude and ability that really pays off in a big way!

Taking in a community Operation RESIST meeting for information are Jason Tarka, Kelli Blahnik and Steve Stasny.





# MAKING IT HAPPEN

Beating the barriers makes  
a clearer road to success

## *The Individual Counts*



Renovation did a lot of things this year, but one of the side benefits was to give people the

opportunity to learn how to go around obstacles.

Beginning with the last semester of the 1992-1993 school year, students and staff members had to learn a new way around, finding rooms and programs which had relocated. There were new routes to determine, and a lot of adjustment for all.

And we did it. We made it all happen.

With the beginning of this school year, there were more challenges and more barriers to overcome. For all there was the challenge of finding new classes in different areas of the building. For some it meant housing in temporary rooms while renovation continued in their permanent areas. For the swimmers it meant another semester of traveling to Griffith to practice and compete.

It was different. It was a new time and a new set of obstacles. And we overcame them all.

Sometimes we are forced to make things happen, and that teaches us that the possibilities are in us for all the other challenges.

There are those who sit back and say, "I can't". There are many more who have learned how to Make Things Happen.





Freshmen Dave Gobin and his classmate know crutches are no excuse to keep going. William Flanagan has the hands on approach.



From precision and discipline in band routines even in bad weather to cheering on the team, individuals make spirit keep happening.



Lunch is a good time to share for Melissa McManus, Helen Tzanatakis, Josh Hanak, Greg Jamrock and Jill Begala.

Susan Kulczyk didn't mind the snowy winter, laughing at another storm which threatened the Highland streets.



Jenny Grelecki, Amy Evilsizor, Kelly Bieson, Alicia Castillo-Flores, and Melissa Howell enjoy dinner downtown.

Right, Jessica Richards and Jen Filipowicz know some quality friendship time can always occur before school at a locker.





# FRIENDS

*They can make  
all the difference*

Many things come and go, but one of the most valuable assets to anyone at any time of his or her life is the knowledge there are a few good friends who believe in us, no matter what.

While some friendships do change in high school, as grade school and middle school buddies fall away to be replaced by those who share our interests, the value of a good friendship becomes even more important.

The old saying, "Tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you what you're like" may find some in disagreement, but the truth remains that the best friends are those who believe in us and what we are doing, because they often believe in the same things.

Highland has long been a place where friendships made in school continue through the years. There are many alumni who still return to see former teachers, and who still return to alumni days — just to touch again the special time that was their high school experience at HHS.

Above Mike Metrick and Jill Petska have found school more enjoyable when they share the times.

Good friends make more fun say Susan Sprainis, Bridgette Norris, Gina Polsinelli, Molly Gembolis, Melissa Sinder, Monica Dyson, Nancy Swallow, Rachael Bishop, Andrea Rivera, Rachel Guzman and Nicole Shiperek.



Mr. Brian Elston gives advice to Selena Cox and Jessica Kobezka in science class. With a home game at night, school still went on.

Senior David Flores explains the techniques and sportsmanship of tennis during speech class. Dave was also editor of *The Link*.



Robin Biederhall leaves a message in a locker, one of the neater ways of communication among HHS students.

Amanda Argue and Alice Zakrzacki check out the "Big" dictionary in the new library, which now offers even more services to students.







# A SCHOOL THAT WORKS

Whatever the challenge  
HHS tends to find a solution



*The word is  
— We Can!*

**7** here are many people who look at the list of a student body and ask a lot of questions. Those

who look at the student lists of Highland High students see a lot of individuals who mirror a variety of interests and values, but it all boils down to one simple fact.

Through all the activities, sports, events, and day to day living, Highland High is a School That Works.

Through all the relocation and readjusting, as well as the dust and fumes of renovation, the school managed to keep on an even keel and prove all the critics wrong. All programs went on, except for swimming, as we waited for the new pool.

And what a pool it is! The new natatorium proves things can be worth the wait, just as all things which carry value often do.

No matter. It has all worked, and we helped make it happen!



Above, junior Jenny Poe has been active in theatre, and shows she can get into any part as well as enjoy the theatric experience.

Alison Peach joins a friend on Lake Michigan's shore during a youth group retreat in the middle of a very challenging winter.

1993-1994

# What's Going On?



Renovation, Tonya, Weather,  
Olympics & Health Care  
Mark Highland, World News

## TONYA HARDING, NANCY KERRIGAN HOLD WORLD'S HEADLINES

*Watching  
the news  
became one of  
the best  
forms of en-  
tertainment,  
and it was  
all free!*

While many important news stories kept taking place in the world, from the continuing horrors of Bosnia to the American withdrawal of troops from Somalia, easily the story which captured the most headlines and caused the most discussion among Highland residents and the rest of the country was the "Tonya Harding Story".

After the attack on skater Nancy Kerrigan two days before the National Figure Skating Championship, soon the plot thickened to reveal those around rival skater Tonya Harding were involved.

As the Olympics drew nearer, stories soon swirled about Tonya's involvement in the planning of the crime, but by filing a twenty million dollar law suit she managed to force the U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Commission to allow her to compete at Lillehammer, Norway.

While Nancy Kerrigan earned a silver medal which was a tenth of a point from the gold, Tonya Harding finished eighth and out of the medals. Her most memorable Olympic moment was when

she stopped her Olympic program and asked the judges for a reskate after saying her laces were not right.

Finally Tonya Harding admitted to interfering with the investigation, and while many felt she should have gone to jail, she got off from the crime with a fine and probation.

One thing was definite — the world of figure skating would never be the same!

Meanwhile, speed skater Bonnie Blair of Illinois won two golds, and the heart of America and the world was touched when Dan Jansen's bad luck was finally overturned and he won a gold medal in his last race of the Olympics.

Teens were also in the news in a big way. Pearl Jam's entertainer and Whitney Huston's sweep of music awards were the bright side.

On the other side, there was great debate in the media and across kitchen tables about where teens were going and what effect violence and motivation were having on the generation which will lead tomorrow's world.

It was a year of news and values, and thus it was a very learning year!





# What A Year!

## World Offers Many Challenges

**7**he world in 1993-1994 seems to be telling everyone something. With nature still finding the Midwest around the Mississippi River trying to get over the devastating floods of the summer, new signs of nature's power were felt this year.

While Southern California reeled first from spreading wild fires, then from one of the biggest earthquakes in many years, and finally mud slides and flooding, the rest of the country also felt Nature's hand.

It was the Northeast which had the most severe blast of record cold and snowfall, but Highland also was subjected to several days of incredible cold. It was not snowfall but cold which finally drove all the schools in the area — Highland included — to suspend class for two days as the thermometer hovered around minus twenty degrees. This caused the suspension of the President's Day holiday as classes had to be held to make up the days missed from the bitter cold.

**I**n the world of government, on the national scene President Clinton tried to move forward on his jobs program and a national health care plan, while there were those who tried to keep the Whitewater investigation on the front burner.

Governor Evan Bayh continued as Indiana's leader, while Corporal George Georgeff, Highland police officer and liaison with the school system, also became president of the Town Board.

School Town of Highland news also involved a school board election which featured a record number of candidates.

**O**n the Sports Scene, Michael Jordan managed to be a headliner both in the fall and again in the spring.

The sports world was astonished when Michael called a press conference shortly before the Chicago Bulls began their new season and their quest for a fourth straight world champion-

before helping the White Sox, it took Frank Thomas, Robin Ventura and the rest of the Sox to begin what they hoped would be a trip to the World Series.

Meanwhile, the Cubs made a few trades and went into the new season again at the "Friendly Confines" of Wrigley Field.

Both the Sox and Cubs drew many fans from the Highland area, and the age-old rivalry between the fans of those two baseball clubs continued for

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### *Nature Deals Severe Cold, Earthquakes and Record Snow*

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ship. Stating that he had nothing more to prove on the basketball court, Michael told the world that he was retiring from the world of the hardwood court.

With the nation and some parts of the world still debating whether Michael would return to the game after his retirement at age 30, Jordan spent the winter months training at Chicago's Comiskey Park, then stated he would try out for the Chicago White Sox.

Showing up at the Sarasota, Florida training camp, Michael won the respect of his teammates for being the hardest worker, and though it took a while before he got his first hit, many felt he gave baseball a big lift.

With Michael still a bit of a way

another year. In a world of change, it was at least one welcome aspect of living in the greater Chicago area which stayed the same.

**M**any teen issues were in the headlines this year, from concern about growing violence to the fact that AIDS was growing more rapidly in the teenage generation than in any other group.

It was a time to determine to improve personal values, and make the positive individual more a strong fabric of American society.



# HHS Works

# Learn

Classes often lead to club,  
organization involvement

Academics are at the core of H.H.S. Classes provide us with more than just knowledge. They provide us with challenges; and a feeling of pride when we meet those challenges. Whether it's acing a test in trig, or finally finishing a lab in physics, we all realize that no matter how much stress classes bring, the knowledge we gain from it will be important to us throughout our lives. Academics gave us the confidence we needed to succeed in the future.

From these classes, came the clubs. Clubs gave us a chance to get involved in high school. They gave us a chance to interact with our friends and an opportunity to make new ones. There are so many clubs to get involved in no matter where your interests take you. From theater, to languages, or BPA, there are so many opportunities opened to you. No matter what your niche is, get involved because high school only contains three short, memorable years.

□ Karen Vander Wall

The knowledge you obtain from your classes will carry on with you forever. Involvement in clubs allow you to interact with all kinds of great people.



Jason Klocek experiments with the movie camera while he records his own film during his Speech II class this year.

Junior Amy Govert was one of the many who have become acquainted with the new computers available at HHS.





# Classes Clubs

## Classes/Clubs The integrity is in each classroom



Tara Volbrecht shows that she was determined to do her best on her assignment, like many students do.

**A**s you run through the hallways during passing periods, did you ever stop to realize what's the rush?

Could it be that you're excited to get to that one class that you know you're passing, or is it the teacher that makes it exciting to learn? Whatever it may be, that same stamina helps you to get by everyday throughout your six periods.

You're whole life is a job. School is a job. You work everyday for about six and a half hours trying to maintain decent grades (or for some perfect grades) then you come home and relax for about an hour or two. Next thing you know it, you're back at it again, doing homework.

Eventually all your work will pay off. Once you receive your report card, then and only then, can you relax, breathe, and repeat to yourself, "I accomplished this, I earned this, and I deserve this."

Indeed, your hours of hard work have finally reached its climax. You can finally sit back and relax. But not for long, there is always the next grading period to look forward to; and again you find yourself striving for perfection.

As we all go through our years of school, we've all wondered at one time or another if all the stress is worth it. The classes, the homework, and all the responsibilities do have a tendency to build up. In the end, though, we get the report card, and we see that all our hard work has paid off. We realize that we have lived up to all our responsibilities and it was worth it.

Making the most out of your classes is important during high school. No, this is not going to be a speech that a teacher would make; it is a fact. So many students in high school have dreams and goals they want to accomplish. As much as we all hate to admit it, the things we learn in high school are going to help us accomplish those goals we have for ourselves in the future. Making the most out of high school helps to make the most out of the future.

□ Alicia Castillo-Flores, Karen Vander Wall



The students in Mrs. Karr's freshman class take part in a discussion of *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

Ms. Mayer's Journalism class was cramped at the beginning of the year; still they made the best of it.

Jason Kaminsky and Sarah Hull show off their acting ability in front of their drama class.



# Words

*From the basics to Shakespeare, English classes stress communication skill, readiness for future*

These classes are all about learning, and the learning comes from dealing with words. Words . . .

are the basis of which we communicate with other people.

With the advance of the technological age, the rise in popularity of television, movies, and the video aspect of life;

the skills we need to learn in order to communicate well are harder to acquire.

The English Department of HHS does its best to make sure when students leave school, they are equipped with the skills they need to communicate well in the outside world. Mr. Bill Martin, English coordinator, insures the English

program offers a variety of classes.

English classes don't just consist of grammar and literature. Though those things are important, there are also a variety of other classes that offer a different view of our language. Classes like drama, speech, and journalism expose students to more creative sides

Sophomore Adriana Escamilla seems enthused about the novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.



## ENGLISH

of their language.

Classes like drama allow students to learn about the making and the performance of plays and movies by involving students in activities such as writing their own scenes, and performing a variety of different roles.

Journalism teaches students what it takes to de-

sign pages of a newspaper or magazine, and the art of writing good journalistic copy. Whether reading a book, watching a play or movie, or watching the news on T.V. English will always be a part of our lives beyond our school year.

□ Karen Vander Wall

### Words Say It All

- *Kotoba wa zenbun desu.*
- *Worte sagen alles.*
- *Las Palabras lo dicen todo.*
- *Les mots disent tout.*
- *Le parole dicono tutto.*



Juniors Denise VanDeel and Steve Vincent demonstrate how to do a particular problem.



# Math

## *Math moves up in world to second floor; new computers, SAT Math make changes*

After years, the Math Department was finally moving up in the world. Of course, we're talking about their exciting move into the upper wing of the high school. After last year of being forced to conduct classes in the make shift temporary classrooms in the new gym while battling noise, chaos, and vari-

ous flying objects the math teachers can finally let out a sigh of relief now that they're in classrooms with carpeting, real walls, and can you believe it, Doors!

Math is a subject that every student in school is familiar with since two years of it are required for graduation. Although Math is required

only for two years, most students who excel in the subject go on to take more classes throughout their four years in high school. For students who do exceptionally well in their Math classes are sometimes asked to take the American High School Math Exam. This test is given during school and is used to test their mathemat-

ical capabilities. We all use math in our everyday lives. No matter how good we are in the subject, we need the basic Math skills to use in various aspects of our lives.

—Karen Vander Wall

Amy Nelson, Crystal Mitchell, and Brandi Johnson discuss strategies for their homework.





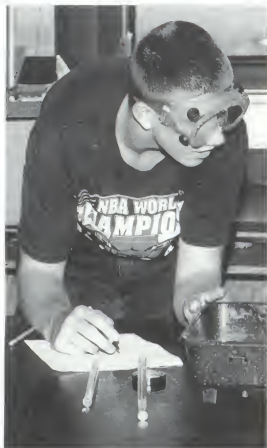
Sophomore Dana Al Sharif listens to the teacher intently while she takes careful notes.

Steve Vincent listens during his Geometry class and tries to absorb all the given information.

Senior Jennifer Evanoff makes use of her handy calculator in her Trigonometry Class.

Mrs. Cynthia Kaluf was an exceptional Math teacher who retired and will be missed by all.

Mike Stout is in the process of making amazing new discoveries and breakthroughs in Chem.



## *Students move ahead in Science Olympiad while new discoveries were made in classes*

*'Science is  
all around  
us.'*

Science is a subject that affects the past, present and future. We are living in high technology times. From test tube babies, to environmental science, the world around us is in a state of constant change. New discoveries are being made all around us every day.

This year the science department was very busy.

There was the Science Olympiad competitions, in which Highland placed first. A team of 15 students competed in areas of Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering, and Physics. Science Olympiad is a chance for students to further pursue their interest in the various areas of science. Earlier in the year, Jennifer Rinas and Lauren Loscalzo

won the Chemistry poster contest.

Science is always changing and will continue to offer new opportunities for many people.

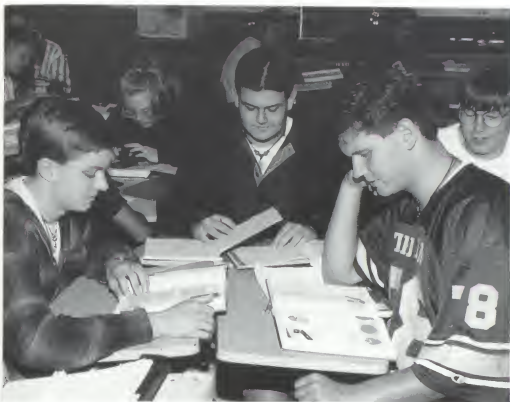
□ Karen Vander Wall

Doug Biel checks his over work and records his information during a lab in his Chemistry class.

# *Cooperative Learning Makes Classes Come Alive At Highland High School*

Ed Negovetich, Paul Murzyn, Mike Metrick, and Jason Swalek work together on a problem.

Brian Wurst concentrates intensely on his lab in Chemistry, which is a class that involves labs.



Jennifer Rinas and Lauren Loscalzo were the proud winners of the Chemistry poster contest.



# USA!

## *Social Studies teachers make the world known to students with maps, economics, and history*

Senior Jennifer Bognar shows off her geography knowledge. She learned a lot in Mr. Sunny's class.

Amy Claesgens studies her Econ notes right before the final. She enjoyed Mr. Petrin's class.

**W**here in the world is Social Studies?

They moved to the old science wing! Along with themselves, the teachers took all their new maps, new desks, and new students. Some thought the new rooms would be too small, but that didn't stop the loud voices of Mr. Sunny or Mr. Petrin.

They could be heard far and wide, even as far as the J Room. They taught Government, Economics, and World Geography.

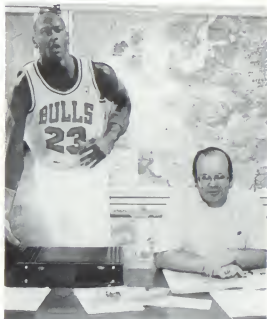
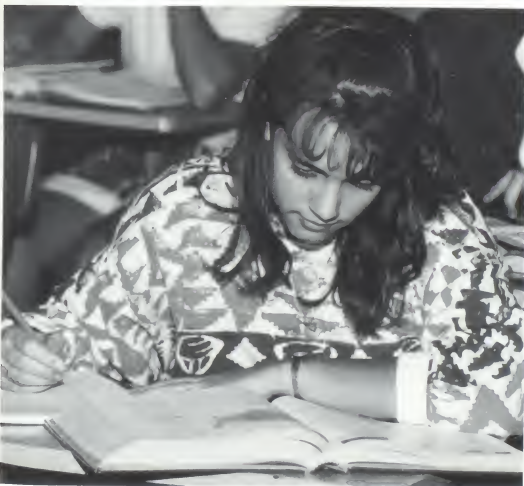
The only bad part of the whole move was the new furniture. Were the students upset about the uncomfortable new desks? No, not that at all. The new desks were great. Mr.

Franlinger didn't think he could part with his favorite stool. It was as much of a part of his class as the books.

What about Mr. Sunny? That "God Bless John Wayne" bumper sticker was one of a kind, right Mr. Summers and Mr. Johnson?

□ Alice Zakrzacki





Mr. Kelly has been teaching History since 1959. He has taught many generations of students.

Mr. Sunny has taught students World Geography and Econ, along with childhood stories.

Michele Solecki gets a tap of knowledge from Mr. Petrin in her sixth hour Econ class.

Janelle Mayer furiously took notes before her test. She learned all about U.S. History this year.

# Find Answers Here!

## Library Moves to Center stage in HHS renovation

One of the most visible and useful areas of the school is the new Media Center, which houses the new video dispersal system as well as the school library. Mrs. Jean Erhart is the librarian, assisted by Mrs. Susan Powell, a person many students will long remember for her kindness and help.

Modern technology has taken hold in the new library, which is now located near the front entrance of the school. Four CD ROM programs are now in use. *Newsbank* is a newspaper search program students can use for their research projects. Another Program, *Infotrac*, is a magazine search program with full text capability.

*Grolier's Encyclopedia* is also available in the HHS library in the CD

ROM mode, as well as *SIRS*, a social issues resource series. According to Mrs. Powell, with the program students can reference citations from a multitude of sources.

The library also has several computer games available. These include *Great Wonders of the World*, *Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?* *Sherlock Holmes, Consulting Detective*, and the *Guinness Disk of Records*.

Mrs. Susan Powell has been a key source of assistance to many Highland students, and aware of new high tech library techniques.



Librarian Mrs. Jean Erhart and Assistant Librarian Mrs. Susan Powell have helped set up the new library in its Media Center site.



# Serving The School

## GUIDANCE

*To plan, To cope -  
they offer help*



**T**aking up its new quarters after the renovation is the Guidance Department, which now occupies the northwest corner of HHS.

Under the leadership of Guidance Director Mrs. Corally McCann, the counselors have continued many of their traditions, such as holding the eighth grade orientation day for incoming freshmen. This year, however, the event took place on a school evening rather than a Saturday, which had formerly been the case.

Counselors assist students in choosing their classes, advising on things like Tech Prep classes, and also help prepare for entrance into college. The administering of ISTEP, PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB and DAT are also coordinated through the Guidance Department.

Other Guidance events are the 9th grade parent meeting in September, the February junior parent meeting for college preparation, and a Financial Aid meeting in January.

The Guidance Department is also responsible for Natural Helper, Snowflake, support groups, the Student Orientation Picnic, the Student Assistance Advisory Board, Red Ribbon, and this year they have been very active in the new Operation RESIST program against gang infiltration into Highland.

This year's counselors are Mr. Jerry Hedges, Ms. Kathy Olivotto, and Mrs. Nancy Giddings, with Mrs. McCann as their leader. School Registrar Mrs. Rose Ceperich also serves as Guidance secretary.

Guidance still serves as one of the nerve centers of the total high school complex.



Above, Mr. Baez, Ms. Moss, Mrs. Mucha, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Hedges and Ms. Olivotto take part in a program teaching cooperation.

Mr. Madura and others are seen at the 8th grade orientation program, held in February in the high school's new Commons area.

Chris Kopishki found art class enjoyable, creating a figure who captured a personality of its own. This was an early assignment.

Raising a hand in class often brings students into class discussions around artists and the techniques they used in Art History.



# ART

*Art moves to center of school;  
goes out into halls and lobbies*

**Art Department  
says Farewell to  
Mrs. Sally Fitch;  
Mr. Madura leads  
Fine Arts Dept.**

If art always involves creativity, this year there was even more new about the HHS Art Department.

Mr. William Madura became Fine Arts Coordinator, and led the department as well as taught art and art history.

This year the department moved to the center of

the building, where the old library was once located. Two large classrooms were joined by a dark room, ceramics room, and an office.

Also this year, Mrs. Sally Fitch finished her tenure as a HHS art teacher. After teaching and helping many art students, some who have gone in in art careers, Mrs. Fitch

retired. Her talents and guidance will be missed.

Art students displayed their work not only in the new art gallery, but also in the lobby of Monbeck Auditorium during the year.

There were many instances when all students had opportunity to see the work of this year's Art Department.





Deep into her project, Gina Polsinelli continues working. The concentration of art often brings a better creation in the end.

Mrs. Sally Fitch, who retires this year, has been an inspiration to many art students. She will continue her own art career now.



*Mrs. Sally Fitch  
retires to her own art*



Jeff Novak and a buddy work on one of their art projects. The new art rooms offer better light and space.

Fine Arts Coordinator Mr. William Madura explains a new concept of line and form to Marion Olzewski during art class.



Freshman Annie Schamall demonstrates the different kinds of pasta to her cooking class.

Mrs. Damasius takes notes during a student's presentation in Interpersonal Relations.



# LIFE

## *Egg babies, microwaves set tone for Home Ec class; IPR gives students help with family communication*

Cooking, sewing friendships, and family aren't things that someone would expect to be taught about in high school. Let's face it, hard boiled egg babies are a long way from Calculus and Physics. Ms. Larsen and Mrs. Damastius however, would argue that point. They would say Home Ec is just as impor-

tant as Geometry and English. After all, where would society be without microwave ovens and automatic bread makers.

Home Ec classes offer a variety of classes that try to cover the skills people need in order to function in the every day world. These classes include foods, sewing, inner personal relations, and child de-

velopment.

Foods and sewing classes cover the basic skills that are important in every day living. Foods classes cover the skills people need to prepare well balanced meals that don't come out of a box straight into the microwave.

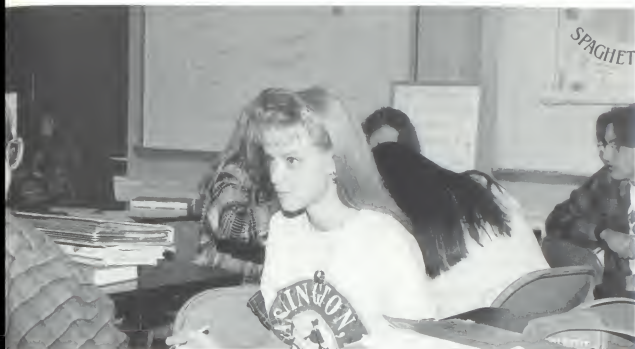
Family relations, IPR, and child development cover

the importance of healthy relationships with others throughout life.

Home Ec. classes help students gain confidence in their everyday lives.

□ Karen Vander Wall

Molly Begala, Jennifer Enavoff, and Diane Karin enjoy the discussion in IPR class.



Cheryl Scheeringa prepares a menu for her next cooking expedition with her partner.

Cherri Greeson is a master of the culinary arts. She will soon be opening Geeson's Grill . . .

Melissa Rosachi prepares her pots and pans for the cooking lab as her classmates look on.



Discussions against substance abuse in Health classes promote student understanding, say Beth Foutch and Amber Kay.

Getting to the net in Physical Education class gives students a chance to tone up and gain skills. Volleyball is a favorite group activity.



## Natural Helper Program helps teens lead others to right choices

**I** imagine a place where time is no matter, there is no pressure, and those around accept people for who they are and not for how popular they are.

Those that have attended Highland's Natural Helper in the past year are familiar with this type of environment.

Headed by Ms. McCann, Miss Larsen, Miss Olivotto, and Mr. Baez, the Natural Helper program has helped Highland students to get to know themselves and others through communication and trust for the past five years.

"This program is designed to help kids with problems. We all know that when one of our students have a problem, they usually don't go to an adult, they go to a friend," said Miss Olivotto. "The survey that we have lets us know which students have that natural helping ability. Sometimes we have a name down nine or ten times. Those are the people we go to first. Those are the natural helpers."

The Natural Helper program picks qualified students to attend this event which takes place twice a year. The maximum amount of times that an individual could

attend is twice, once as a beginner and once as a leader. Qualified students are picked by the results of ballots signed some time during the year answering the question: "If you had a problem, who would you turn to or go to for help?"

Those qualified 'natural helpers', when the time arrives, journey to either one of two camps: Camp Tecumseh in the spring, or the LRCA Camp, which is known for its Canadian Elk roaming the woods, in the fall. The experience begins. There, they learn peer facility skills and their limits—when to go to an adult for help, and the like. Everything learned helps those chosen students acquire more natural abilities to help others. By the end of the trip, the Natural Helper group is like one big happy family.

The reason little detail is said about this special program is because those who have attended have promised to keep what happens there confidential so not to spoil it for those planning to attend in the future.

That that can be said is that the Natural Helper program is an unforgettable experience that no less than 99.9% of those invited should attend.

□ Steve Stasny



Taking notes and concentrating on the material is senior Tony Lane. Substance Abuse class is taken by many students.





Calling the roll before the start of her swimming class is physical education teacher Ms. Rezewski. She is also an excellent athlete.

Below, Scott Cotts gets ready for a return in gym class. Students worked around renovation to make sure classes continued.



## Physical Education offers skills, Health & Quest offer help

**P**hysical education at HHS comes in a variety of ways. There are traditional gym classes, but there are also classes in swimming and weights, as well as classes which offer help to students through Quest and right decision making.

This year's swimming classes had the enjoyment of moving into the new swimming pool and natatorium, and students could also take advantage of the new dressing rooms.

The Quest program, a special class which teaches students to understand themselves and learn to deal well with others, has proven a benefit to many HHS students. Through group discussions and other activities, there are many opportunities to understand personal behavior and the behavior of others.

Physical education at Highland has really come a long way, and the growth of student attitudes and personal health is the big winner.



A lively game of volleyball not only made gym class interesting, but helped students fulfill graduation requirements and learn teamwork.



# KEY CLUB MENTOR

## Service & Learning Mark These People

**7** here is something about a person who wants to give of himself or herself. There are certain qualities, and certain directions they tend to go. There are also decisions they tend to make.

Those who chose to belong to Key Club this year did so because they saw something in serving, and being there for others. Through all their activities, from calling for Operation RESIST meetings to helping at Kiwanis and working for the community, they cared. And they made an incredible difference!

Mrs. Joan Ray was Key Club sponsor, beginning a new tradition this year as Key Clubbers babysat for children of parents who were attending the high school Open House.

The Mentor Program saw a small but intensive group moving out into the area searching into possible careers. With their mentor teachers offering generous time and advice, the students in Mentor gained insight into what various careers might hold, and made good friends along the way.

The Mentor teacher this year was Mr. Schmidt, assisted by Mrs. Joan Ray. Mentors included Dr. David Ray, a podiatric doctor who worked with Lauren Loscalzo, and Mr. Chuck Siely, who worked with Mary Condes in electrical engineering.

Above, Mandy Norris works with students in Mrs. Ann Marie Fitzwater's Warren school class. Teaching remains a great career.

Mary Condes gained experience in the field of electrical engineering with Mr. Chuck Siely, who served as an HHIS mentor.





## *Mentor Means Learning By Experience*

Jen Bognar answers Anthony Michalak's question during the Open House babysitting project early in the school year.

Lower right, Shelby Smothers worked with Munster dentist Dr. Smutzer. Dentistry became a friendly and positive career.

Key Club babysitters help run board games at the Key Club's first baby sitting project during Open House. We don't know who won!



Popular Dr. David Ray and his nursing and office crew helped Lauren Loscalzo learn about the field of foot medicine.

Key Club sponsor and Mentor secretary Mrs. Joan Ray shares a moment with Brian Vargas. She was the source of much good this year.

# Industrial Technology

## From Drafting To Building

This year the Industrial Technology Department was headed by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Poi.

Mr. Pearson mainly taught Energy Systems, Electronics Communication, Introduction to Transportation, Communications Planning, and Introduction to Construction.

Mr. Poi's Main areas were Drafting I, Intro. to Communications, Drafting II, and Graphic Communications.

Both teachers taught Building Trades. This particular class is taught how to build a house. Every year the Building Trades builds a house. The house is then put up for sale, and the proceeds go to the Highland School Building Company. The money is put into an account and then used for the materials needed for the house built the next year.

Industrial Technology offers many fields to choose from.

□ Selena Cox



Drafting students Jesse Rippe and Steve Long laugh as they correct their mistakes on the computers during class time.

Mr. Pearson, advisor for Science Olympiad, shows students Alyssa Piaz and Melissa Pieschala how to use a hydraulic bridge tester.

Junior Industrial Arts student, Justin Steiner, concentrates intently on his assignment and considers all possibilities.

The field of Industrial Arts requires hard work and perseverance as is illustrated by Sophomore student Terry O'Leary.



# New Tech Prep Program

## Addition to HHS Curriculum

The Tech Prep program is an innovative new addition to the Highland curriculum.

With a new agreement between HHS and Purdue University at the Calumet campus, students may take classes in high school which prepare them for work in the technical work world, and also get dual college credit up to twenty-four semester hours.

Dr. Linda Anast, Secondary Coordinator, pioneered the program at Highland, and worked with Purdue University for this landmark agreement. Tech Prep classes in HHS include English, Industrial Arts, Math, and Science.

Students who take Tech Prep classes receive education which is geared to helping them in the world of work in their adult years. This new program has been established because the State of Indiana has determined a need for this specialized education to make the work force of tomorrow better educated and more articulate on the needs of the business and technological world.

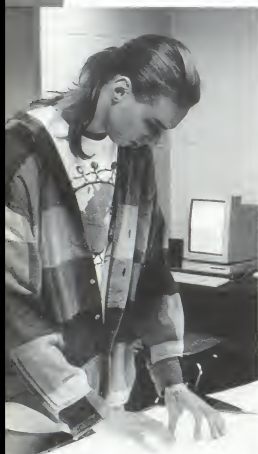


Chris Orrick shows his enthusiasm while working on his poster for Tech Prep. The posters were a requirement.

Tech Prep teacher Debrah Pullins and student Nick Sellis go over the assignment for the class and try going about it different ways.

Tracy Morrison gets ideas for her poster from a nearby classmate. All Tech Prep students looked to each other for ideas.

Senior Tech Prep student Scott Denise goes over his poster to check for mistakes and see if it is ready to hand in.



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Paul Callaway and Laura Cichon were looking through past yearbooks while Amy Claesgens reads the paper.



## *Link publishing resumes after late move to renovated J Room*

**T**his was a transition year in the Journalism Department in many ways.

From beginning the year "in exile" in another room while construction continued, to finally moving to the new J Room and gaining enough computers to make student desktop publishing possible, it was a year of change.

Alicia Castillo-Flores

led the yearbook staff, and with Selena Cox and Karen VanDerWall leading the way the small staff grew more powerful on the computers.

David Flores was editor of *The Link*, and brought his strong writing style back to the paper after a semester lay-off. Chantelle Warner served as Managing Editor, and after not publishing for the first semes-

ter due to no press available because of renovation, the paper did resume its usual production.

Jeff Chicki and Paul Callaway served as photographers, and the quality of student photography increased.

The new J Room, 510, is finally up and running in high tech style.

# CHOIR

## Enjoys New Director;

# Orchestra

## Aces ISSMA

**T**he HHS Choir definitely had a very active year. This might've been due to the new Choir director, Mr. Victor Pazik. Both JV and Varsity Choir proved to be very hard working.

First of all, every choral student was required to participate in the ISSMA district competition this year. The biggest project of the year was "A Blast From the Past," which certainly was a blast to be part of. Everyone worked hard on it and had a great time on stage. The program contained a lot of choreography, which they performed to "Rockin' Round the Clock" and "Sixties With A Twist." The students had fun with Mr. Pazik, as well with his style of directing, which made choir not just an average class, but an excellent production.

This year's Orchestra students who participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest received superior ratings qualifying for either Division I or II scores. Those students who were able to enter their event in Group I, which is a "list" of the most difficult music received Division ratings that qualified them for State Finals in Indianapolis.

☐ Jennifer Poe, Alicia Castillo- Flores

HHS Varsity Choir includes: S. Kulczyk, M. Wilson, T. Mc Cartney, J. Poe, M. Trudeau, S. Hull, R. Miller, L. White, M. Callaway, T.J. Mucha, L. Barrones, P. Kallay, and E. Burd.

Senior James Desler was part of the HHS Orchestra. He is seen here playing the cello while concentrating on his music, and Amy Evilszior and Janelle Mayer sing during Choir.







HHS Orchestra includes : J. Desler, T. Powell, V. Padilla, M. Panicucci, K. Fedrick, M. Albrecht, A. Hornyak, P. Weis, A. Peach, M. Moore, M. Siebold, H. Tzanetakos, B. Zelenke, H. Saulsgiver, S. Vasquez, K. Ortiz, J. Progar, G. Bluethman, A. Scofield, K. Siebold, J. Tabor, J. Armetta, H. Kraly, M. Kile, C. Brouillette, Ms. Schaeffer, and C. Runyan.

Senior Tanya Wilman was also part of the HHS Orchestra. Kim Easto sang her heart out throughout her senoir year in the HHS Choir.





Joy MacDonald, Sarah Courtwright, And Carrie Wislon all performed at the Citrus Bowl halftime.

# Dedication

## Perseverance Pays Off

**T**he Highland High School band has a very busy and productive season.

As far as being busy goes, they perform at all home football and home basketball games before the game, and during halftime.

We cannot forget that the band is divided into two different clubs. There is the literal band section, and we also have the Highland Dance Team. The Dance Team performs before the game and at halftime. Before the game they do the school song, and at halftime they have a dance routine for halftime entertainment.

Band members must be and are extremely dedicated. This shows in all of the competitions they enter when they usually come home winners. On February 19, 1994 the band participated in the ISSMA competition. Winners for Division I ratings were Anne Hornyak, Jen Olsezewski, Greg Jamrok, Mike Underwood, Nadine Lesiowski, Kim Smith, Jen Rinas, David Miller, Craig Maloney, Nat Bohanan, Michelle Deboer, Adam Hayes, and Angel Ventling.

All of this proves how dedicated and perseverant our band members are.

□ Selena Cox

# HHS Band



Juniorband member Jennifer Walters performs the school song before the game.

Anne Hornyak, a junior member of the band conducts the National Anthem.

The Highland HS band plays our National Anthem before the game begins.





Dance Team member Melissa Salle performs the school song.

David Wilson plays our school song during pregame ceremonies.

Craig Maloney plays "Gimmie Some Lovin'" during the halftime show.

Dance Team members march onto the field before the game.

As this member of the band shows, practice is the key to success.

Jamie Jensen, Kristen Brown, Janelle Mayer and Jenny Bajda helped out on the Student Council Homecoming float.

Valerie Rieckhoff was the official chairperson for this year's Blood Drive and Karen Gaskey helped also.



President Ryan Summers and Parliamentarian Jason Naglich listened intently to the concerns of the council.

Doug Schwerin, and Karen Gaskey participated in the annual Blood Drive that turned out to be a great success.







# FHA

Lots of Hard Work and Dedication Help Secure Success of First School Wide Health Week

This year FHA set a goal: to educate HHS about the importance of good health. This small project soon blossomed into an entire week.

Health Week '93 consisted of a special event each day which stressed a certain aspect of good health. Wednesday was the highlight. A small area of various demonstrations was set up in the student commons area.

Health Week '93 was an educational success.

□ Alice Zakrzacki

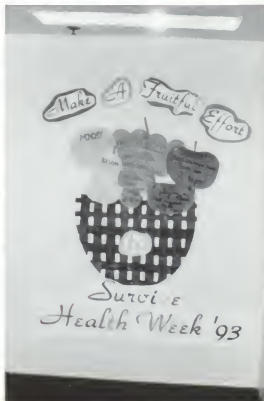


Miss Larsen donated lots of afterschool hours to FHA as well as to her home economics classes. She also helped out at Natural Helper.

On opposite page, FHA decorated corners of the school to help people remember the importance Health Week '93.

Jenny Olszewski, Jeanne Friedrich, Chris Slager, Nick Negovetich, Ryan Summers, Tara Volbrecht, and Melissa Billadeau.

Speech and Debate members Mr. Lemon, Miss Larson, Chris Slager, Ryan Summers, Chris Jemenko, Mr. Martin, and Kristen Brown.



# WIN

## Speech and Debate Traveled Around the State to Show Their Abilities

Great orator Ben Franklin once said, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

These words of wisdom from a great speech maker may have influenced the Speech and Debate Club. They often have meets in all parts of the state at early hours on Saturday mornings.

"We may have been sleepy and tired-looking when we left the high school parking lot, but the team was fired up once we got to the meet," said Mr. Bill Martin, speech team sponsor.

The team did well overall.

□ Alice Zakrzacki



Many topics were covered at Speech and Debate meetings because the actual meets became pretty fierce and difficult.

Key Club members included Mrs. Joan Ray, John Tabor, Jen Bognar, Sarah DeMaris, Heather Heintzman, and Christina Schrocter.



Corin Rubio enjoys working on an assignment in computer class. Business classes can be a lot of fun.

Jason Baker follows the directions on the screen as he works on one of his computer class assignments.



# BPA

## *Business classes concentrate on learning skills which will lead to job securement, advancement, success*

The Business Department was busy this year preparing students for the very competitive field of business that exists in today's world.

Business classes range from keyboarding to computer applications, to accounting, to the study of Business Law. Mrs. Barbara Lovin, the chairperson of the Business Department said, "We are diligently working

to provide the knowledge and skills our students will need to compete in the high technology workplace after high school or college."

The Business Department also sponsors the Business Professionals of America. This group offers a chance for students to compete in different categories of business such as marketing, dictation, and sales.

The Business Professionals of America also sponsored a dance at the beginning of the school year. The dance was held in October in order to raise money for the organization.

Business classes offer a lot to students who take these classes regardless of what field of study they are entering into. Almost every job in today's society uses computers, and the

classes offer the basic knowledge that will be helpful to students during their life into day's highly technological, computerized world.

☐ Karen Vander Wall

Taking honors at a BPA competition were a select group of Highland's top business students.



Melissa Abeyta shows off her new computer skills to her friends. The skills will help her in the future.



Mr. Borowski helps Beckie Penwell with a question she has about her assignment in Accounting class.



Elli Sorgie concentrates on his computer. He knows how important computers will be in the future.

# Highland Theatre Company has year in spotlight

## Through renovation The Show Goes On

This was a challenging year for the Highland Theatre Company, as renovation moved from the classrooms and school offices to its final phase in the front of the school at the auditorium lobby and into Monbeck Auditorium itself.

While weeks were lost to refurbishing the auditorium, the HTC still managed to keep to its schedule of three productions for the school year.

The year started off with the fall musical, *The Fantasticks*. This early season play featured a smaller cast than usual, yet offered a group of talented players who made the New York musical hit come to life on the Monbeck stage.

Working at rehearsal as renovation work continued, the HTC came out on time with its winter play, which is traditionally not a musical. This season the group featured *Arsenic and Old Lace*, a comedy which offered cast members a chance to show off their individual talents and also work together as a well-coordinated group of players.

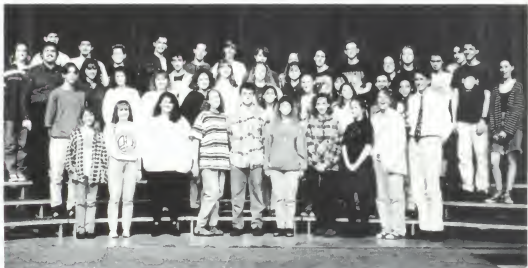
Mr. Marty Grubbs once again led the Monbeck Auditorium auditorium and thespian crews. He helped organize the many new dressing rooms, prop rooms and make-up areas of the Monbeck.

Two of the stars of *Arsenic and Old Lace* were Melanie Wilson and Ryan Summers, shown here delivering some of the play's key lines.

Members of the Highland Theatre Company gather on the Monbeck stage for a group picture. They made the entire season work well.

The police are hot on the trail! Bryan Vargas, Sarah Hall and Dave Blair took advantage of the great set which this play featured.

Working the console behind the scenes and also taking a role in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Dennis Cervik was a valuable HTC member.



•The Fantasticks  
•Arsenic &  
Old Lace  
•Annie



Helping the plot thicken are Kim Easto, Angela PiroSCO and Brad Klemm, playing in a key scene of the winter play in Monbeck Auditorium.

Above, Dennis Cervik in a scene from *Arsenic*, and Mr. Marty Grubbs, Monbeck Auditorium Director and HTC leader.



# NHS

## Tomorrow's Leaders Achieving Old Goals and Striving for New Ones

Leaders need to be strong as well as intellectual. Members of National Honor Society were off to a great start, especially the officers. This year's president was Marilee Bennington, Vice President Cathy Kenders, Secretary Karen Gaskey, and Treasurer Michele Vanbodegraben. They helped lead the group's many projects. This included the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and peer tutoring.

This year the usual tutoring project had a twist. The guidance department worked with Ms. Erhart, the NHS coordinator, to create T.E.A.M.S. This was the innovative project that paired Natural Helpers, National Honor Society members, and a student that needed help with his or her studies, ended up being very successful.

When they weren't busy helping other students, they were assisting the community. The Thanksgiving Food Drive was excellent this year.

□ Alice Zakracksi



Senior Marilee Bennington pauses in her studies to let the camera. She was busy this year, heading National Honor Society.

This year's officers were Karen Gaskey, Mrs. Erhart, Cathy Kenders, Marilee Bennington, and Michele Vanbodegraben.







Mrs. Erhart helps Erin Ring, Amanda Argue, and Laura Moore with their after school tutoring session in the library.

D.Chapman,P.Egan,D.Hugus,E.Gray,C.Warner,K.Novicki,B.Gomez,T.Fandrei,D.Lee,H.Yang,L.Loscalzo,R.Kuch,A.Arreguin,M.Pieszczala,J.Batka,N.Negovetich

M.Solecki,A.Betchen,D.ConnK.Gaskey,C.Kenders,M.Bennington,M.Klapkowski,R.Schmall,B.Tabor,K.Easto,D.Herman,L.Moore,Mrs.Erhart,J.Olszewski,G.Bell,V.Troppman,L.Abraham,M.Schmidt,S.Smothers,C.Smith,K.Price,M.Sprains

Senior Ryan Summers celebrates his victory in the Voice of Democracy with his speech sponsor, Mr. Martin, and J.O'Connor, Commander of the VFW Post 1109 in Highland

## TEAM

Science Olympiad Took Fourth at State with Gray's, Egan's, and Kuch's Help

Another of Highland's teams had a great showing at state. This was not an athletic team, but the Science Olympiad team, who placed fourth. They accomplished this through the help of the experienced seniors of Pat Egan, Rose Kuch, David Lee, Bob Gomez, Eric Gray, Craig Maloney, and Hsin-Jung Yang. This year's coaches were Dan Chapman and Kathy Nowicki. The state competition was held in Bloomington on March 26. Highland's impressive showing was emphasized by the amount of awards brought home. Out of 24 events, Highland received nine medals. These events included Earth Science Processes, It's About Time, Nature Quest as well as many other major fields of science. This outstanding team of 15 members had 12 medal winners, but the whole team helped bring home the 4th place state medal. Bob Gomez was the top individual winner with 5 medals. Next year the growing team plans to win state.

□ Alice Zakrackski

Mrs. Mary Certa, Mrs. Diana Rogers, and Mr. Marty Kessler and Mrs. Charlotte Kessler visited France last summer.

The Foreign Language Department was able to decorate the display case with items to represent their language.



Greg Jamrock was interested in what his teacher had to say. Deutschlandreise is a German game that many students enjoy playing.

Mrs. Elia Lopez is one of the Spanish teachers at HHS that is always enthused when teaches Spanish to her students.



# Highland High Offers A Wide Array Of Choices New Languages Available

This year the Foreign Language Department not only got new rooms but also a new language. Highland now offers Japanese to students. Mr. Thomas Doukas taught this class in addition to French and Spanish.

What exactly do the foreign languages do? In French class, students studied more than what was in the books. In the third year class, the students read an excerpt from *The Count of Monte Cristo* and *Les Misérables*. In fourth year German, the students read *Emil and the Detective*.

In the new Japanese class, senior Judy Fabris stated, "We've learned our first Japanese writing system, and now we're learning our second system, Katakana."

Seniors Craig Maloney and Kimberly Easto were sad to leave their foreign language that they have been studying for four years.

One great thing about taking a foreign language was the classmates themselves. After one takes a foreign language for three or four years, the people in that class become like a family, with the teacher being the mother or father.

Senior Mike Schmidt thought, "Our German class was very close and I will miss them, and Frau next year when we go our separate ways." After four years together in the same class, students are bound to become friends.

□ Amy Claesgens







*Spanish Club* Row 1: M. Pieszczyńska, J. Stanley, L. Mesman, E. Wynkoop, T. Labus. Row 2: P. Wojnicz, S. Wiist, J. Franz, M. Gembolis, A. Lona. Row 3: M. Plawecki, D. Nackman, T. Volbrecht, R. Schmal, Mrs. Lopez.

*German Club* Row 1: M. Năglic, R. Kuch, A. McFarland, L. Abraham, A. Claesgens, L. Loscalzo, L. Kuch. Row 2: N. Dopka, J. Burosh, C. Wilson, S. Gouwens, J. Schullek, J. Jensen, M. Wilson, M. Litavitz, K. Lessner, J. Tabor. Row 3: Mrs. Rogers, B. Sellis, N. Fuller, M. Rivera, V. Rieckhoff, S. Popplewell, M. Albrecht, K. Hess, R. Bogner, K. Weyer, M. Fuller, T. Edwards. Row 4: T. Fenoglio, J. Seremet, C. Slager, M. Schmidt, P. Whitener, D. Rhein, J. Kaminsky, J. Desler.

*French Club* Row 1: B. Tabor, C. Edwards. Row 2: T. Volbrecht, K. Gaskey, K. Brown, T. Laich. Row 3: S. Gogolak, K. Rurman, J. Han, C. Bruette, E. Kahn, C. Tamm, A. Ladawick. Row 4: J. Simala, S. Jarmula, J. Courtright, R. Tamm, T. Furman, Mrs. Certa.

*German Honor* Row 1: R. Kuch, M. Wilson, L. Loscalzo, A. McFarland, J. Năglic. Row 2: C. Wilson, S. Gouwens, J. Jensen, J. Schullek, M. Litavitz, J. Tabor, Mrs. Rogers. Row 3: T. Fenoglio, N. Fuller, M. Rivera, A. Claesgens, L. Cichon, S. Popplewell, M. Albrecht, L. Abraham, K. Hess. Row 4: J. Seremet, B. Krager, M. Schmidt, P. Whitener, D. Rhein, J. Kaminsky, J. Desler.

*French Honor* Row 1: K. Kenders, B. Tabor, R. Summers, K. Gaskey, A. Betchen, J. Bogner, M. Solecki. Row 2: M. Bowen, M. Callaway, K. Warnecke, K. Schmidt, S. Cox, K. Martin, A. Peach, H. Tzanetakis, K. Brown. Row 3: J. Courtright, J. Samala, L. Elis, J. Sowinski, J. Trubach.

*Spanish Honor* Row 1: T. Lee, J. Franz, R. Schmall, T. Labus, M. Sally, P. Samis, M. Kaniuk. Row 2: T. Dolfin, H. Hugus, A. Katynski, M. Gembolis, L. Ciganovic, V. Jayne, P. Wojnicz, J. Tauber. Row 3: J. Waldron, T. Zeiminak, A. Zygmunt, M. Miller, M. Dvorsak, A. Foskos, D. Conn. Row 4: A. Diaz, C. Wamer, M. O'Toole, L. Kurowski, J. Gnerlich, M. Solecki, V. Troppman, Mr. Kaminski. Row 5: Z. Berger, D. Biel, G. Czaja, D. Krivach, R. Markley, T. Fandrei.



# Involvement brings world closer

## *Language classes, clubs offer many opportunities*

The Foreign Language Honor Societies are an example of the hard work of students. The students must meet certain qualifications to become a member in the honor society of the language. The students must have at least a B average in all classes. Students also must have received at least an A- average for three semesters. Another qualification is that the student must be enrolled in the following year of that language.

The students are inducted into

the honor society by the candle light ceremony. Students recite a pledge to enter their honor society.

At this year's dinner, everybody participated in doing the chicken dance. At last year's dinner, Mr. Tom Doukas and Mrs. Elia Lopez did the Mexican Hat Dance. Every year something different is done. The dinner is held at the end of Foreign Language Week.

The German Honor Society sponsor, Mrs. Rogers, stated, "This year's in-

ductees are hard-working students who deserved to be recognized for their efforts in German."

The foreign language honor societies give students taking a language an incentive for doing well and excelling in that language. This is also a good experience for students who are planning to pursue their foreign language later in college. It many even help those who wish to travel to their country some day.

□ Amy Claesgens



Junior Chris Slager participates with other members of German club as they celebrate Oktoberfest at their yearly party.

Mr. Doukas poses for a quick shot during Hippy Day for Spirit Week. He teaches both Japanese and Spanish language classes.



Japanese Club Row 1: D. Maicher, S. Chiang, S. Yang, A. Peach, Mr. Doukas. Row 2: K. Chapman, B. Bruner, J. Fabris, E. Campbell, K. Wamecke, A. Landsman, S. Bishop. Row 3: S. White, K. Isek, D. De St. Jean, R. Miller, J. Olzewski, J. Burosh.

# With Eyes of Wonder



Original art  
by Molly  
Begala cap-  
tures the  
wonder of  
growing  
into a  
world  
where  
nothing is  
really ever  
— over.

## Beginning with the Day Star

Not only I, but my soul also  
leapt into a place where  
the air smells the memories,  
the sun sees the courage,  
the moon glows of spirit  
the land feels the warmth  
and the sea flows of love.

I smell the dusty pictures and the few  
items that make me remember.  
I saw the courage not setting, but rising  
shining brighter, brighter as it rose.  
The moon was always there, but never  
glowed with the sun. Together they  
make the most wonderful light.  
I feel the warmth.  
First it was only at my toes, but it spread  
through my legs, my arms, and my eyes  
— the warmth is in my eyes.  
When I step into the sea, I do not look,  
for I save it for the higher waves that  
come often, you know.  
These waves are mostly cool.  
Then I open my eyes, and I let the  
warmth out. I look all around me and  
see every one of these things, and I will  
never close my eyes again,  
because I need to be here  
but, most important,  
I want to be here.

Anna Landsman



# Mirage

To create  
something new

## The Road To Love

The road to love is traveled many times,  
Yet, just as many times,  
The Road holds a dead end.

The trip down The Road can be captivating,  
Yet, the dead end The Road may hold can be  
just as devastating.

Whether The Road will hold a dead end  
is not to be foretold.  
Yet, whether The Road will continue forever  
is also not to be foretold.

The Road to Love must be traveled with caution,  
Yet, The Road to Love must also be traveled with care.

Selena Cox



## *Renovation Gives HHS A Fresh Look For The Future*

**New features include Student Commons, Media Center, natatorium, carpeting and air conditioning throughout school**

**7**he renovation of Highland High School, with the accompanying Highland Middle School and the addition of a new natatorium, was begun years ago. Planned as the crowning jewel in the renovation of all Highland school buildings, the remodeling of the school was planned to give Highland students not only a fresh, new place to learn and grow, but a place where the advances of technology and communication could be used to their best advantage.

From early meetings of Dr. Cartwright and the Board of School Trustees, through more meetings with the Highland School Building Corporation and school architects, progress moved to the actual days

of work being done.

Through temporary housing experiences in the new gym with its ceilingless classrooms to moves throughout the high school and middle school, finally, in September, most classrooms and class areas were renovated and ready for occupation. With the last rooms and the swimming pool finally ready by February, Highland High School moved ahead into the future with confidence. Two years of renovation were behind them, and with new furniture and communications on hand, the HHS family closed the year with a great new school!


Dr. Cartwright explains plans for the renovation to the School Board early in 1991. From there work moved ahead quickly.



Groundbreaking for the renovation found members of the Highland School Building Corporation and Highland administrators in a positive mood.







While retaining its basic look, the outside of the school was also remodeled, and improved outside lighting was provided.

The ceramic tiled pool in the new natatorium are one of the great results of renovation. It became operable in February of 1995.

**THE NEW**

**HHS!**



The Media Center features High Tech communications, and includes the library. Left, the Student Commons was a welcome change.

Sharing a moment after the Renovation Dedication April 25 are Superintendent Dr. Philip E. Cartwright, School Board President Harry Ranne, and R. Duane Odle of Odle McGuire & Schook, the project's architects.



## Operation RESIST

*Justice Dept. honor rewards effectiveness of Highland plan*

**O**peration RESIST, Highland's own anti-gang program, not only made its impact again this year, but was also recognized for its effectiveness.

In an award ceremony at the April School Board meeting, U.S. District Attorney for Northern Indiana Jon DeGuilio and James Mesterharm of the U.S. Justice Department gave the Exemplary Law Enforcement Award to school board member Larry Vassar, who had signalled the challenge for action against gangs, and to the entire Board of School Trustees.

Mr. Vassar and the School Board accepted the award, recognizing the many members of the School Town who are making RESIST work. The award was also given to the Town of Highland and its Police Department, citing the community and school wide effectiveness of Highland's resolve to keep gangs out of its borders.



Receiving The Exemplary Law Enforcement Award from the U.S. Justice Department, Northern Indiana Division, was the School Town of Highland for its Operation RESIST Program. Above, Mr. Jon DeGuilio and Mr. James Mesterharm pose with the award with School Board members Konnie Kulper, Burton Masepohl, Lawrence Vassar, Judi Bell, and Harry Ranne.

Left, Mr. DeGuilio presents the award to the School Board's Larry Vassar, who was the catalyst for Operation RESIST within the Highland School System.





# A Wonderful Day!

## Dedication Ceremonies, tour of school mark official new Highland High



While classes have grown more and more "at home" in HHS this year, everything became much more official on April 24 when the new Additions/Renovation Dedication was held.

With Dr. Philip Cartwright and School Board President Harry Ranney leading the dedication ceremonies, R. Duane Odle of Odle McGuire & Shook presented the keys to the school to the School Board, and then they gave the keys to Middle School Principal Mrs. Beth Copenhaver and to Highland High School Principal Dr. Renner

Ventling.

Dr. Kosmas Kayes, Construction Services Manager, also received the keys for the project he oversaw for the past two years.

The HHS Choir, under the direction of Mr. Victor Pazik, sang the National Anthem, and several musical groups entertained during the Open House and Tour of Facilities which followed.

Those attending the ceremonies felt the renovation has been a great success.

Left, Highland Superintendent of Schools Dr. Philip E. Cartwright addresses the audience at the Renovation Dedication.

Below, HHS Student Council President Ryan Summers spoke at the ceremonies, and unveiled the commemorative plaques.



Left, Mr. Jon DeGuilio congratulates Dr. Philip Cartwright and Construction Services Manager Dr. Kosmas Kayes.

# HHS Talks

# Friends

There is a variety of great of personalities within HHS

There isn't anything in life more precious than a friend. Life would become very tiresome talking to yourself after awhile. Everyone needs someone to talk to, express themselves to, and figure out who they really are. After all, your true identity soars through a personality.

Friends are everywhere within HHS. Every time you turn around, there looms a familiar face. There are the faces of people you've grown up with, shared many weekends with, and long telephone conversations with. They're there in both good and bad times. You've had them all your life.

There's no end to friendships. It's healthy to be sociable with all different kinds, of all ages, and races. When you think you know everyone, along comes a new year and there always someone knew to meet. It's like the Girl's Scout song "Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the others are gold."

□ Alicia Castillo- Flores

Sophomores Danielle Drlich, Rachel Guzman, and Adri Lona have been great friends ever since they met.

Kim Vasquez, Heather Kaczmarek, and Anne Zygmunt were just a few of the students who had a blast at Superstars.

Sometimes teachers can become more than just teachers, they can become some of the best friends a student could ever have. HHS is the perfect place for this.





# Staff/ Students

## People Emotions are dealt with in many ways



Valerie Rieckhoff was one of the three clowns that dressed up for this year's Homecoming Parade.

**T** people are strange when you're a stranger. Faces look ugly when you're alone. Women seem wicked...

These famous words of Jim Morrison describe loneliness. Everyone has felt lonely at one time or another. The way we cope with loneliness varies. Some people eat Ben and Jerry's Chocolate Cookie Dough ice-cream until they are sick. Some people sit and watch old, sad movies until they fall asleep.

Either way, no one likes to feel alone; that's what's cool about high school. There are about 1100 students at HHS. With numbers like this, it's both easy and hard to feel lonesome. People can get lost in a crowd, but in reality they are never alone. Teachers try to help everyone fit in. Mr. Marty Kessler involves everyone in his Friday features. His whole class gets a kick out of them!

Administrators made it hard to feel lonely at lunch. About twenty tables in the cafeteria just don't cut it. People in D Lunch began to make new friends in order to have some place to sit. Looking around, a visitor to the infamous cafeteria would see 12-15 people sitting at one round table.

Physical closeness isn't as good as mental. The smaller classrooms this year were a prime example of this. They might have been smaller, but the classes themselves have to form a certain bond, too. How many people remember a certain class from their high school career? A subject that was made interesting just because it was full of their friends or taught by an awesome teacher? Mr. Petrin's third hour Government class from first semester, for example. Or any Psych class taught by Fra!

Between freshman and senior year, friendships change a great deal. Someone's best friend in ninth grade sometimes turns into a complete stranger by twelfth. People mature in different ways. This may be sad, but it's bound to happen.

Sad is a part of the bitter sweet atmosphere. So many changes in so little time. For some, though, it wasn't enough!

□ Amy Claesgens, Alice Zakrzacki

# School Board, administrators lead way toward new century

**A**s renovation drew to a close not only for the high school/middle school complex, it also ended for all buildings in the Highland School System.

Under the leadership of Dr. Philip E. Cartwright, the last stage of work was finished and new furniture put in place. On April 28 the Board of School Trustees joined the Highland administrators, teachers, students and families to dedicate the new renovation.

There were also advances this year in multicultural education, Cooperative Learning, and an historic agreement on college credit with Purdue Calumet concerning Tech Prep classes.

Mr. Harry Ranney, a former teacher and principal at Warren School, celebrated his forty-first year in the Highland Schools as President of the School Board, and the high school welcomed Ms. Barbara Ledyard as Assistant Principal.

Dr. Philip Cartwright led the way from renovation's success to new advances in curriculum, technology and learning techniques.



Mrs. Judith A. DeMuth helped guide many activities, including developments of Operation Resist.

Opposite page, Dr. Dennis K. Shawver oversaw the advances of Tech Prep and multicultural education.

## Board of School Trustees



Mrs. Judith Eller Bell  
Member



Mr. Lawrence Vassar  
Secretary



Mr. Harry Ranney  
President



Mr. Burton Masepohl  
Vice President



Mr. Konnie Kuiper  
Member

# Leadership team guides school through last stage of renovation



*HHS welcomes Ms. Ledyard as new Assistant Principal*



Director of Auxiliary Services Mr. Michael Boskovich oversaw computers and new furniture purchase.



New Secondary Coordinator Dr. Linda Anast was responsible for Tech Prep advances and much more.



The HHS Administrative Team consisted of Assistant Principals Ms. Barbara Ledyard and Mr. Michael Backes, Principal Dr. Renner Ventling, and Athletic Director Mr. Ken Bye.

Mel Anderson, Math, Adam Baez, Special Education, Alycia Basler, Science, Cathy Berg, English, Timothy Borowski, Business, Cynthia Boyd, Math

Ken Bye, Ath. Director, Mary Certa, French, Dan Chapman, Science, Becky Damasius, Home Econ., Ken Darrow, English, Tom Doukas, French, Japanese

Roger Emig, Spanish, Jean Erhart, Librarian, Lee Farley, Science, Matt Figi, Math, Sally Fitch, Art, Douglas Fralinger, Social Studies

Nancy Giddings, Guidance, Rob Hanson, Phys. Ed. Football, Jerry Hedges, Guidance, Michael Huber, English, Larry Johnson, Science, Darrel Jones, Math

Cynthia Kaluf, Math, Dennis Kaminski, Spanish, Student Council, Gloria Karr, English, Eugene Kelly, Social Studies, Charlotte Kessler, Math, Martin Kessler, Math

Brenda Larsen, Home Ec., Margaret Leahy, Spanish. Randall Lemon, English Elia Lopez, Foreign Lang. Barbara Lovin, Business William Madura, Art Coordinator

William Martin, English, Barbara Mayer, English/Public Relations, Jerry Mazur, Science, Douglas McCallister, Math, Corally McCann, Guidance Coordinator, Judy Musselman, English

Kathy Nowicki, Science, Kathy Olivotto, Guidance, John Onoff, Phys. Ed., Douglas Pearson, Ind. Arts, Gregory Petrin, Social Studies, Bert Poi, Ind. Arts

Debra Pullins, English, Ann Pyke, English, Dan Richardson, Science, Diana Rogers, German, Debbie Rzewski, Phys. Ed., Karen Schaefer, Orchestra







Steve Sherer, Music, Herb Schmidt, Science, Carolyn Slys, English, Tom Summers, Social Studies, Mike Sunny, Social Studies, Bill Thegze, Math



Mike Urban, Phys. Ed., Pam Wilson, Phys. Ed.



## Teachers Honored 'Evening of Stars' recognizes staff

**T**his was a year of "firsts" for the Highland High School staff. In addition to the first time in newly renovated locations and rooms, this was also the first time there was a School Town of Highland Recognition evening for all Highland employees.

At this Recognition Dinner many Highland High School teachers and staff members received awards. School Town of Highland pins were given in different color combinations to those who had given fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five years of service to the school system.

Awards from outside agencies were acknowledged, such as the naming of Mr. Martin Kessler as an Outstanding Educator by Cornell University. Advanced degrees and certification were also recognized, such as Mr. Douglas Justus receiving his Doctorate in Education.

Highland also honored its retirees, including two from the high school. Mrs. Cindy Kaluf and Mrs. Sally Fitch are retiring this year, and Mrs. Kaluf was also named Ryerson Teacher of the Year by the faculty.

The highlight of the evening was the naming of School Town Employees of the Year, one from the teaching staff and one from the classified staff. Mrs. Joan Ray, Mentor secretary and Key Club sponsor, was named Employee of the Year, and received the congratulations of all in the school.

Above, Ms. Brenda Larsen taught Home Ec and was FHA sponsor. Mrs. Gloria Karr taught freshman English.

Left, Dr. Philip Cartwright congratulates Mr. Martin Kessler on his award from Cornell University.



Donna Blair, Sec., Sulema Cabrera, ISS Aide, Rose Ceperich, Sec., Marty Grubbs, Aud., Linda Hall, Aide, P. Higgins, Staff



Arlene Howard, Attendance, Marilyn Kuiper, Sec., Rosa Mazzocco, Nurse, Alice Murphy, Aide, Amy Ogrentz, Aide, Pamela Patterson, Staff



Sue Powell, Lib. Aide, Elizabeth Reyes, Sec., Mary Rickson, Staff, Cheryl Ryan, Treas., Stacy Sanicki, Staff, Don "Sarge" Scott, Aide



Judy Sorota, Ath. Sec., Julie Stamper, Staff, Deborah Tica, Staff



## Support Staff helps make Renovation transition

School Board President Harry Ranney and Dr. Philip Cartwright, left, congratulate this year's retirees. Included are Mrs. Cindy Kaluf and Mrs. Sally Fitch of HHS.






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*Mrs. Joan Ray*  
*Employee*  
*Of The*  
*Year!*

Mentor Secretary and Key Club Spopnsor Mrs. Joan Ray was named Employee of the year in the School Town.



On Page 94, Mrs. Linda Hall. Left, Mrs. Elia Lopez lectures, and Mr. Michael Backes and Mr. Mike Urban grill food for the annual Tailgate Party.

# JUST THE BEGINNING

## Seniors move toward the future with plans

**I**n more essays! I think I've written at least twelve just this weekend! What more do they want to know about me?" exclaimed a frazzled Michele Solecki, who planned to attend IU.

Michele echoes the opinion of many seniors on college and scholarship essays. Graduation may be in June, but around January just about everything was due. The "big" due dates could be told by just looking in the halls. Many seniors looked like zombies blank-my-proudest-accomplishment-ever-essay look on their faces.

"Finals cause no stress in comparison to college deadlines," says Amy Claesgens, who also sees IU in her future.

With the big date looming months ahead, many seniors ignored deadlines until they were upon there. This proposed many problems.

"My Cornell application had to be in by Dec. 1. I started mine Dec. 2. I sent it express mail and it cost me \$14. I learned my lesson!" remembers Mike Rivera, who eventually got accepted to Cornell.

Surely many seniors had stories like this.

"I need summer vacation just to recuperate from all those applications!" said Fred Mendoza, who applied to IU, Ball State, and Purdue.

"Harvard was supposed to be in by Jan. 1. There I was New Year's Day, whipping out another another essay. Then my friend reminded me that the post office was closed until Jan. 3. Monday morning I was in there trying to bribe them into stamping it Jan. 1. They wouldn't do it," explained Erin Ring, who no longer plans to attend Harvard. She wishes that fake mail service on Saturday Night Live really existed.

College and scholarship essays ask various questions. The Harvard application asked what kind of cars the applicant's parents drove! A common question was, "Why do you want to attend our institution?"

"I had the same answer to that question on three different applications. 'You have an excellent reputation and outstanding graduates,'" laughs Amy Finn, who ended up deciding with Purdue.

"I'd get applications from small schools that I've never heard of, and I'd see

that question on there and I would just laugh. What would I have put on there if I was applying there?" said Mary Burkman, who is still undecided as to where she will be next fall.

There is a lot to be learned here, juniors! College is something that should be taken very seriously, and it comes sooner than expected. Soon those deadlines and questions will be popping up right in front of even the freshmen right out of nowhere. Maybe that is just a lesson seniors had to learn before they reached college, if they ever do! Fred Mendoza best summed it up with, "I need a summer vacation just to recuperate from all those applications!"

□ Alice Zakracki

Classes counted more with college waiting for senior students Taz Fenoglio, Mike Matrick and Shelby Smothers.

**"I've learned that senior year has a lot more to it than being the oldest. People expect you also to be the best!"**





# The CLASS of '94!

OF 1994 Highland High School CLASS  
**HHS**

Seniors First Class  
To Graduate From  
Renovated School

Dr. Ventling's Freshmen  
Experience Graduation

Freshman Year Saw  
Great Highland Flood

Class Witnesses Desert  
Storm, New President

Mandy Norris Leads  
Class Toward Future

Mandy Norris, '92  
Homecoming  
Queen, served as  
president of the  
graduating Class  
of '94.



# FINALLY SENIORS

## At The Peak of Our Careers



**CLASS  
OF  
'94**

"Senior year was fun. You should enjoy it while you can. It will be weird not seeing all the faces that I used to hang out with. High school is a great time for hangin' with your friends. Do it while you can."

— Mike Schrudi



ould it be? We are really seniors. After three years of intense waiting, learning, and anticipating we are at the peak of our high school career.

It is as if we are in a race, and the finish line is finally in sight. A few more yards and our strived for success will be complete. Now is the time for us to shine. No longer will we be a Highland High School student, but we gain our very own separate identity. All our studying, all our learning, and all our disciplining is now left for us to apply to our future career wherever it may be.

By no means should we kick back and watch the rest of the year sail by. Hitting the books, applying ourselves, and learning the most we can from our last year is what is expected of us. According to our parents, these years are the best years of our life. Let us make them the most memorable!

— Mary Burkman

Seniors Amanda Buck, Mandy Gunkler and Amy Andreatta observe different ideas for potential designs in Ms. Larsen's Interior Design Class.

Laura Abraham  
Lori Alcala  
Amy Andreatta  
Alfredo Anguiano  
Jennifer Bahr  
Lisa Banas



Brian Barr  
Shannon Bateman  
Molly Begala  
George Bell  
Marilee Bennington  
Arlin Betchen



### Senior Directory

Laura Abraham: Aud 1-4, SC 1-4, Vball 1, SADDI-4, HTC 1-4, GNIS 1-4, NHS 3-4, Nat. Help. 2  
Lori Alcala: KC 2-3, SC 2-4, Letter 1, MM 2-3, Acc. Dec. 3, NHS 4,

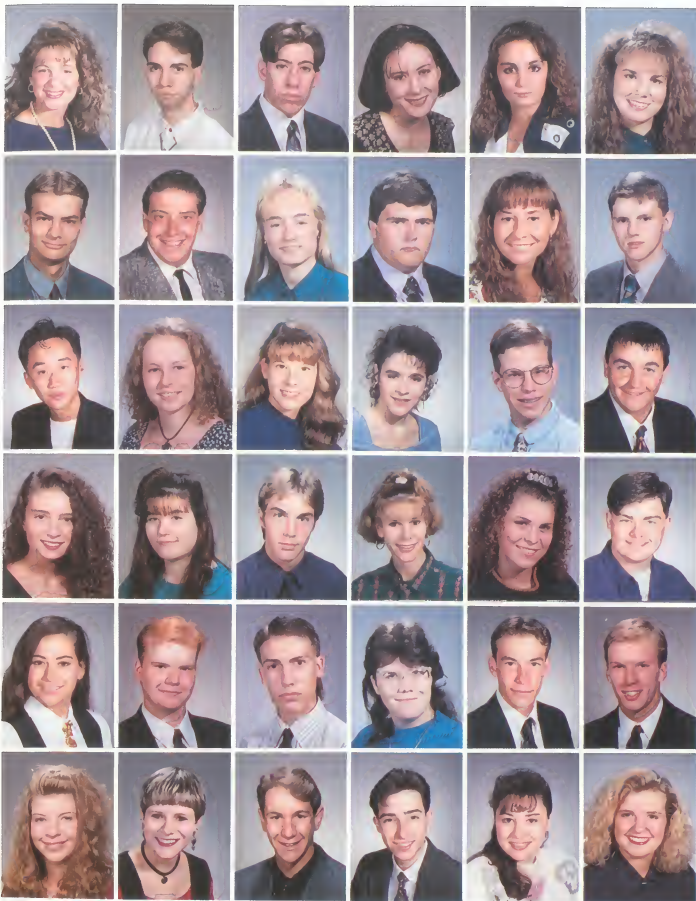
SIS 3-4, Amy Andreatta: Con. & Mar. Band 1-4, Alfredo Anguiano, Jennifer Bahr: Vball 1, Chorus 2-3, Lisa Banas: Bball 1, Vball 1, Con. & Mar. Band 1-4, Maj. 1, Brian Barr: Fball 1, Shannon Bateman: CCJ 1-3, Track 1-3, Molly Begala: Art NHS 3-4,

Maj. 3-4, Robin Beiderhake: BPA 3, Sci. Oly. 1, George Bell: Baseball 1-4, Fball 2-3, Tennis 1, NHS 2-4, SIS 3-4, Marilee Bennington: Swim. 1-4, Fren. Clb. 3-2, Fren. NHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Con. Band 1-2, Matt Benware: Bball 1, Soccer 1-4, Arlin Betchen: KC 2-4,

Troj 2, Shield 2-3, Cheer 1-4, GLC 2-4, Letter 1, Tennis 1-4, Fren. Clb. 1-4, HTC 1, Fren. NHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Q&S 2, Sci. Oly. 4, Jennifer Bognar: KC 2-4, SC 1-4, Cheer 1-4, GLC 2-4, Letter 1, Tennis 1-4, Fren. Clb. 1-3, Fren. NHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Texas 2-4,

Nat. Help. 3, Jason Bouchard: HTC 2, Chorus 3-4, Ian Brucki: Swim. 1-4, Kerri Brown: Amanda Buck: Troj 3-4, Shield 2, Track 1-4, RHA 4, Dawn Burgene: Letter 2, Chorus 1-4, Mary Burkman: Tennis 2-4, BPA 4, Cer. Clb. 1-3, George Caddick: Baseball 2, Paul

Camp: Fball 1, 3-4, Dawn Carlson: Span. Clb. 2, NHS 3-4, SIS 3-4, Frank Cash: Aud. 1, BPA 1, HTC 1, Stacey Cervik, Tim Chervenak, Ulysses Chung: Track 1, Wr. 1, Fren. NHS 3-4, Amy Claegens: Tennis 4, Track 1, Vball 1-2, Cer. Clb. 1-4,



Jennifer Bognar  
Jason Bouchard  
Ian Broski  
Kerri Brown  
Amanda Buck  
Mary Burkman

George Caddick  
Paul Camp  
Dawn Carlson  
Frank Cash  
Stacey Cervik  
Timothy Chervenak

Ukyong Chong  
Amy Claesgens  
Dena Conn  
Christina Csukardi  
James Desler  
Steven Dopka

Melanie Dubrik  
Karen Duffy  
Nathan Swenger  
Amanda Dyson  
Kimberly Easto  
Randall Eckard

Candace Edwards  
Patrick Egan  
Brian Ehlin  
Stephanie Elkins  
Eric Ellis  
Jeffrey Elo

Jennifer Evanoff  
Judy Fabris  
Timothy Fairman  
Tazio Fenoglio  
Jenny Filipowicz  
Amy Finn

## Senior Directory

Fren. NHS 3-4, Ger. NHS 2-4,  
Dena Conn. GLC1-4, T1-4, Vball  
1-4, Span. Clb. 1, NHS2-4, SHS2-  
4, Nat. Help. 4, Christina  
Csukardi: Letter 1, T1-2, FFA 2-

4. Scott Denyes: Wr. 1, James  
Desler: Ger. Clb. 1-4, Ger. NHS  
3-4, Orch. 1-4, Joshua Dillon:  
Bball 1-4, Fball 1, Steven Doyka:  
Fball 1-4, T 1-3, Karen Duffy:  
Letter 2, Melanie Dubrik: Fren.  
Clb. 4, Nathan Dwenger: Bball  
1-4, CC 2-4, Track 1-4, Amanda

Dyson: T1, BPA 3-4, Fr. Clb. 1,  
Kimberly Easto: Aud. 1-3, SC 1,  
3-4, T3, SADD 1-2, Sp. 1, AHTC 1-  
4, NHS 3-4, Chor. 2-4, Treas. 1,  
Randy Eckard: Fball 2, T 1, Ger.  
Clb. 1-4, Ger. NHS 2-4, Candace  
Edwards: Fr. Clb. 1, 3-4 Art NHS  
4, Patrick Egan:

Fball 2-3, Sci. Oly. 3-4, NHS 3-4,  
Brian Ehlin: Track 2-3, Stephanie  
Elkins: Eric Ellis: Fball 1-4, Track  
1-4, Jeff (Elo) KC 4, SC 1-4, Baseball  
1-4, Fball 1-2, Fball 1-4, NHS 3-4,  
SHS 2-4, Sec. 4, NH 3, Jennifer  
Evanoff: Bball 1, T2, HTC 1, Ju-  
dith Fabris: Bball 1, Tazio

Fenoglio: SC 3, BPA 3-4, Ger. Clb.  
2-4, Ger. NHS 2-4, NHS3-4, Sec. 3,  
Jenny Filipowicz: S 1,3 T 2-3, Art  
1B3-4, Band 1, Amy Finn: Lind 2,  
Sc 1-3, Shield 3, GLC 2-3, Swim 2-  
3, T2, Fren. Clb. 1, Maj. 1, Sec. 2





Michael Fisher  
William Flanagan  
David Flores  
Justin Foote  
Amy Fozkos  
Blythe Fritz



Kary Fultman  
Bosko Galic  
Karen Gaskey  
Bridget Gates  
Douglas Geyer  
Linda Giba



## Senior Directory

Michael Fisher: Soccer 1-4, Art NHS 2. William Flanagan: Swim 1-3, David Flores: KC 4, Troj 2-4, SC3, Shield 3, Bball 1, Fball 1-4, Span. Clb. 4. Justin Foote: Fball 1. Amy Fozkos: CC-3

4, Track 2-4, Vball 1-2, Art NHS 4. Blythe Fritz: KC 1, SC 1, Cheer. 1, Swim. 2, Tennis 1-2, Span. Clb. 1. Kary Fultman: Aud. 1-4, CC 2, Soccer 3, BPA 4, HTC 1, Maj. 1, Bosco Galic: SC 2, Bball 1-3, Soccer 1-2, Tennis 1-4. Dan Gassner: Karen

Gaskey: Aud. 1-4, KC 2-4, SC 2-4, Nat. Help. 3, Fr. Clb. 1-4, SADD 1-4, HTC 1-4, Art NHS 2-4, Fr. NHS 2-4, NHS 3-4. Bridget Gates: Aud. 1, CS 3-4, Fr. Clb. 1-3, Fr. NHS 3-4. NHS 3-4. Con. & Mar. Band 1, Orch. 2-4. Doug Geyer: Baseball 2, Mar. Band

1. Linda Giba: Aud. 1, Bball 1, CC 1, Letter 1, HTC 1-2. Robert Gomez: Sci. Oly. 1-4. Pamela Gordon: Tim Gordon: Fball 1-2, Tennis 2-3, Wr 1-4. Cameron Gower: Eric Grey: SC 3, Fball 1-3, Track 1, Sp. Clb. 1-2, NHS 3-4, SFS 2-4, Sci. Oly. 3-4.

Cherri Greeson: Bball 1-4, Mandy Gunter: KC 1, SC 3, Fr. Clb. 3-4. Katherine Haake: Aud. 1-4, HTC 1-4, Chorus 2-4. Carrie Hallcrow: Aud. 1-4, HTC 1-4, Chorus 4. January Hall: Letter 1, Swim. 3, Sp. Clb. 2, FHIA 2-4. Amy Hanak: KC

4, SC 3, Shield 2-3, Tennis 1-4, Vball 1-4, Fr. Clb. 1-2-4, Fr. NHS 3-4, Maj. 1, Nat. Help. 2. Tanya Harris: Shield 2-3, Softball 2-4, Bball 1-2, CLC 1-4, MM 1-2, Track 1-2, Nat. Help. 3. Tricia Hart: Bball 1-2, Con. & Mar. Band 1-4. Phillip Hasler: Soccer

# GOODBYES GALORE

## Scenes Change After High School

CLASS  
OF  
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"Senior year is really fun, but kind of sad because of all the goodbyes you have to say. It's going to be hard not being able to talk to my friends all the time."

Michelle Spranis

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enior year may mean many things to many people. For many, it means a year of good byes, starting new things and ending old.

Whatever your point of view, senior year is a year of change. To some, it is a positive change. It may be made positive by having a choice of colleges to attend. The people who look at their senior year as a year of change for the better, may also look forward to gaining their independence.

However, to others, the immense amount of change may be too overwhelming to handle. For instance, there may not be a choice of colleges for those people to attend. Independence may also not be a priority with them. Their reasoning may be a lack of responsibility, or even just the fact they can't take the pressure of independence.

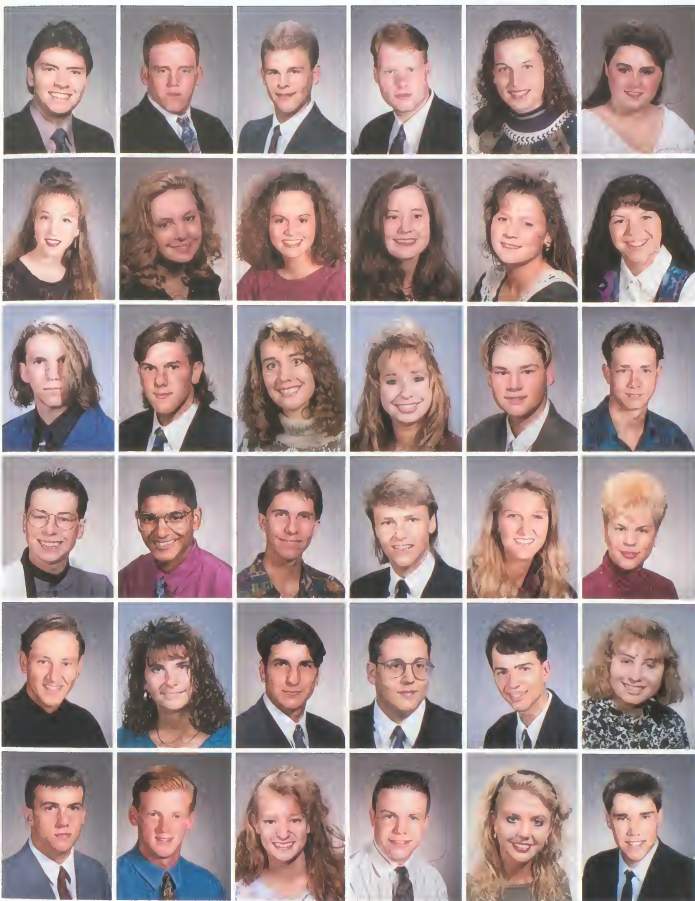
Some students may choose to take a year off of school to look for a job or just relax, while others may elect to go off to college as fast as they possibly can. But, whatever your choice may be, senior year is certainly the year to prepare for change.

□ Selena Cox



The Senior Class showed its spirit. This float, related to the Spirit Week theme, was its entry in this year's parade.





Robert Gomez  
Timothy Gordon  
Cameron Govett  
Eric Gray  
Cherri Greeson  
Dana Griffin

Mandy Gunter  
Katherine Haake  
January Halls  
Amy Hanak  
Tonya Harris  
Tricia Hart

Phillip Hasier  
Ryan Heath  
Dawn Herman  
Debbie Hmielewski  
Jeffrey Holmes  
James Hope

Peter Jachim  
Matthew James  
Gregory Jamrok  
Michael Janowski  
Monica Jarvis  
June Jemenko

Jeremy Johnson  
Mary Johnson  
Jeff Kaczka  
Paul Kallay  
Jason Kaminsky  
Diane Karin

Alan Keightley  
Catherine Kenders  
Shawn Kinder  
Mike Klappowski  
Kristen Koester  
Donald Krivach

## Senior Directory

1-4. Con & Mar. Band 1.  
Ryan Heath: Soccer 1-4, Sp.  
Clb. 2-4. Dawn Herman: SC  
4, Tennis 1-4, NHS 3-4, SHS  
2-4. Debbie Hmielewski:  
BPA 3, FHA 1, 3-4, Sp. Clb.

4, NHS 3-4. Jeff Holmes:  
Track 2. Jim Hope: Swim 2-  
3. Paul Hubbard: Peter  
Jachim: Con & Mar. Band 1-  
3. Matt James: Fball 4, NHS  
3-4. Mike Janowski: Monica  
Jarvis: KC 1-2, BPA 3, Sp.  
Clb. 1-2. Mar. Band 1. June

Jemenko. Jeremy Johnson:  
Swim. 2. Mary Beth  
Johnson: Troj 3-4, CC 1-2.  
Track 1-2. Nat. Help. 3-4. Jef-  
frey Kaczka: Fball 1-3. Soc-  
cer 2, Track 1-2. Paul Kallay:  
Bball 1-2. Chorus 1-4. Jason  
Kaminsky: Aud. 1-4.

Ger. Clb. 1-4. HTC 1-4. Di-  
ane Karin: Aud. 1-4. HTC 1-  
4. Alan Keightley: Troj 4.  
Bball 1-4. Fball 1-4. Track 3-  
4. Nat. Help. 3. Catherine  
Kenders: SC 4. Bball 1, Track  
1-3. Vball 1-4, Fr. Clb. 1-4.  
Fr. NHS 2-4, NHS 3-4. Shawn

Kinder: KC 3-4, SC 2-2, Bball  
1-2, Golf 1-2, Sp. Clb. 1-4.  
Aca. Dec. 1-4. NHS 3-4, SHS  
2. Sci. Oly. 3-4. Michael  
Klappowski: SC 4, Baseball  
1-4. Fball 1-2. Wr. 1, NHS 4.  
Brian Krager. Donald Kri-  
vach: SC 4, SHS 2-4.

Rose Kuch  
Lisa Kurowski  
Trisha Laich  
Tony Lane  
Mike Laskowski  
David Lee



Michael Lesniewski  
Andrew Lewis  
Tony Lewis  
Chris Lindner  
Chris Litavecz  
Joy MacDonald



Karen Maginot  
Craig Maloney  
Todd Martin  
Kevin McArdle  
Heather McNair  
Fred Mendoza



Adrienne Metcalf  
Mike Metrick  
Tom Michalak  
Kristi Miller  
Chris Molnar  
Linda Montalvo



Laura Moore  
Natalie Moore  
Tracy Morrison  
Brian Moulesong  
James Mulcahey  
Michelle Mull



Paul Murzyn  
Jason Naglich  
Shane Neal  
Ed Negovetich  
Kimberly Nemeth  
Mandy Norris



## Senior Directory

Rose Kuch: Cer. Clb. 2-4, Cer. NIS3-4, NIS3-4, FIA3-4, Sci. Oly. 3-4, Lisa Kurowski: Art NIS 2-4, SIS 2-4, Trisha Laich: Chorus 3-4, Anthony Lane: Bball 1-4,

Golf 1-4, Michael Laskowski: Andrew Lewis: Bball 1, Bball 1-3, Track 2-4, Sp. Clb. 1-3, Tony Lewis: Aud. 1-4, HTC 1-4, Nat. Help. 3, Christopher Linder: Aud. 1-4, HTC 1-4, Christopher Litavecz: Soccer 4, Brian Loane: Baseball 2, Bball 1-3, Bball 1-4,

Kevin Loane: Baseball 1-3, Bball 1-3, Bball 1-4, Joy MacDonald: GUC3, BPA 3-4, Mj 1-3-4, Karen Maginot: Track 2-3, Fr. Clb. 3, Craig Maloney: Bball 1, Bball 1, Soccer 2, Track 1, Todd Martin: CC 4, Bball 1, Track 1-4, Kevin McArdle: BPA 3, SAS 4, Thomas

McMahon: Soccer 1-4, Heather McNair: Fred Mendoza, Adrienne Metcalf: Chorus 1, Michael Metrick: KC 4, SC 3, Bball 1, Bball 1-4, Track 1-4, NIS3-4, Thomas Michalak: Bball 1, Bball 204, Track 1-2, Fr. NIS 3-4, Kristi Miller: Letter 2-3, Vball 1, Chris-

topher Molnar: Bball 1-2, Art NIS3-4, Linda Montalvo: KC 4, SC 1-4, Softball 1-4, Cheer 1-2-4, GUC 1-4, MM 2-4, Track 1-2, Sp.Clb. 1-2-3, SIS 2-4, VP 1-4, FIA 2-4, Nat. Help. 3, Laura Moore: Bball 1-4, GUC 4, Vball 2, Sp.Clb. 1-2, NIS3-4, Chorus 1,3,

Natalie Moore: Aud. 3-4, HTC 3-4, Tracy Morrison: Track 3, Brian Moulesong: CC 1, 4, Track 1-4, Scott Mulcahey: Wr. 1-3, Michelle Mull: Nat. Help. 3-4, Paul Murzyn: Baseball 1, Bball 1-3, Wt. 3, Sp. Clb. 1, Jason Naglich: KC 1, SC 1-4, Cer. Clb. 1-4,



# IT IS NOW OVER

## The Final Goodbyes



### CLASS OF '94

"My senior year is pretty exciting so far.I met a lot of different people,and made quite a few new friends.It was probably my greatest year of high school.I hope it's as great for everyone else as it was for me."

Kim Nemeth

Senior Shelby Smothers laughs as she gives insight and light to the subject of one of her senior classes, Economics.



he class of 1994 leaves HHS with some wonderful memories. Many of them being of senior year. We attend our last

Homecoming, Turnabout, and Prom. We start preparing for graduation. We prepare for after graduation. Filling out scholarship forms, and financial aid forms become a daily routine.

Our studying finally pays off when the acceptance letter arrives from that favorite school. We have become responsible, mature adults. We have grown up our four years of high school. We are preparing ourselves for the future with all our high school experiences.

It's sad to say that we won't return to another sporting event as a student again. But we'll have all the memories of the cold football games and basketball games- especially when we won the sectional title.

Freshman year we looked upon senior year as a million miles away, but now it's already over. We made it through the renovation with the school all torn apart. We did make it. We finally were able to say, "I'm a senior!"

Graduation day will bring many tears - of joy and of sadness. The memories will shine through. This is what we worked hard for for twelve years and now we can honestly say it's all over.

Mandy Norris

Deborah O'Rourke  
Jennifer Olszewski  
Michelle Ondas  
Richard Opperman  
Chris Orrick  
Carrie Ossanna

Victoria Palonis  
Alison Pawlus  
Dawn Peters  
Karrie Phillips  
Angela Pirosko  
Jameison Pirosko

### Senior Directory

Ger: NHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Shane Naal, Edward Ngewich: KC 4, SC 1-4, Bball 2, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, Kim Nemeth, Amanda Norris: SC 1-4, Shield 3, Bball 1-4,

CLC 3-4, Maj. 1, Orch. 1, Nat. Help. 2-3, Jennifer Olszewski: Sp. Clb. 1-2, Ac. Dec. 4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, Con & Mar. Band 1-4, Jnp. Clb. 4, Sci. Oly. 3, Michelle Ondas: KC 4, Ger. Clb. 2, Speech Clb. 2, Maj. 1-3, Laura DeJack: SADD 3, Chorus 3, Erika

Oatman: Track 1, Vball 2, Fr. Clb. 1-2, Richard Opperman: Bball 1-2, Jan. Orban: Wr. 2-3, Christopher Orrick: Baseball 1-4, Phil 1-4, Deborah O'Rourke: Letter 1, Swim, 2-3, Fr. Clb. 1, Carrie Ossanna: Bball 1-4, Vball 1-4, Shield 1-4, Fr. Clb. 3, Sp.

Clb. 1-4, CLS 2-4, Acc. Dem. 4, Nat. Help. 3, Vicky Palonis: Sp. Clb. 1, Chorus 3-4, Alison Pawlus: KC 2-3, SC 2, Bball 2, Swim, 2-3, Track 1, Vball 1, BPA 3-4, NHS 3-4, Jennifer Payne: Letter 1, Fr. Clb. 1, Art NHS 2-3, Maj. 2, Dawn Peters: CC 2, Kar-

rie Phillips: Softball 1-4, Bball 1-4, CCSAS 1, HTC 2-4, SHS 1-2, Track 1-2, Angela Pirosko: Aud. 2, KC 1, S&S 1, HTC 2-4, SHS 3-4, Jamie Pirosko: Soccer 2, Tennis 2,



Angela Pizano  
Ami Porte  
Kevin Price  
Melissa  
Radzinski  
Mike Reynolds  
Misty Rhodes



Jessica Richards  
Jennifer Rinas  
Erin Ring  
Michael Rivera  
Melissa  
Rosaschi  
Jason Rozanski



Michael Rubin  
Corin Rubio  
Tiffany Sayers  
Valerie  
Scheeringa  
Rachel Schmal  
Mike Schmidt



Nick Sellis  
Doug Shaginaw  
Derrick Sieb  
Craig Smith  
Kathy Smith  
Shelby Smothers



Michele Solecki  
Jason Spoljoric  
LaDonna  
Spradlin  
Michelle  
Sprains  
Melissa Stan  
Kelly Stone



Ryan Summers  
Jason Swalek  
Randy Swinford  
Misty Szmuc  
Becky Tabor  
Kevin Tanis



## Senior Directory

Ami Porte: KC 1-2, 4, BPA 4, Sp. Clb. KC 1-2, 4, BPA 4, Sp. Clb. 1-2, Homecoming Queen, Kevin Price: Baseball 1, Golf 2-4, Tennis 1-4, Wr. 1, Sp. Clb. 1-2, NHS 3-4, SIBS 2-4, Melissa Radzinski: KC 3-4, Sp. Clb. 1,2, Nat. Help. 2,

Michael Reynolds, Misti Rhodes: Letter 1, Track 1-4, BPA 3, Maj. 1-3, Mar. Band 1, Jap. Clb. 4, DIA 4, Jessica Richards: Letter 1, Fr. Clb. 1, Maj. 2, Orch. 1-4, Jennifer Rinas: CC 2-3, Track 3-4, TTC 1-3, NHS 3-4, ConkMar. Band 1-4, Erin Ring: KC 2, SC 2-3, Shield 2-3, CC 1-2, GLC 1-2, Swim 3, Track 1-2, Sp. Clb. 1-4,

NHS 3-4, Q&S 2-4, SIBS 2-4, Nat. Help. 3-4, Anthony Rivera: Baseball 1, Bball 1, Wr. 1, Michael Rivera: Ger. Clb. 3-4, Nat. Help. 4, Jason Robinson, Melissa Rosaschi: Fr. Clb. 1-2, SADD 1, Sci. Oly. 1, Jason Rozanski: Bball 1-4, Golf 1-4, Mike Rubin, Corin Rubio: SC 3, Maj. 1-3, Michael Russell: Jap. Clb. 4, Charlotte

Sbotta: Troj. 1-3, Swim. 1-2, Fr. Clb. 2, Sp. Clb. 2-3, TTC 1-2, Q&S 1-2, Chorus 1-3, Tiffany Sayers: Chorus 2-3, Valerie Scheeringa: Sp. Clb. 2, Rachel Schmal: Track 2, Sp. Clb. 1-3-4, Art NHS 3-4, NHS 3-4, SIBS 2-4, Orch. 1, Michael Schmidt: KC 4, Ger. Clb. 1-4, Ger. NHS 3-4, NHS 3-4, Nick Sellis: Soccer 1-2, Wr.

2, Nat. Help. 4, Douglas Shaginaw: Baseball 1-4, Bball 1-3, Fball 1-4, Nat. Help. 3, Derrick Sieb: Swim 1-4, Craig Smith: Wr. 1-2, Sp. Clb. 1-2, NHS 3-4, Katie Smith: KC 3-4, SC 1, Shield 3, Softball 1-3, GLC 3-4, Vball 1, Sp. Clb. 2-3, Sec. 1, Nat. Help. 3, Shelby Smothers: KC 2-4, Sc. 1, Cheer. 1-4, GLC 1-4, Track 1-4,





Sarah Tanses  
Kristi Taylor  
Jason Tharp  
Tobi Timm  
Valerie  
Troppman  
Matt Trudeau

John Turnbull  
Bryan Tuskan  
Mike Upchurch  
Tatjana Uzelac  
Michelle  
Vanbodegraven  
Rachel  
Vanderbilt

## Senior Directory

Sp.Club: 1-2, NHS 2-4, SIS 2-4.  
Michelle Solecki: KC 3, SC 2-4,  
Letter 1, Fr.Club: 1-4, Fr.NHS 2-4,  
NHS 3-4, SIS 4, Ilja Soric, Ja-  
son Spojilic: Baseball 1-2, Football  
1-4, Track 3-4, Wr: 1-4, Ladonna  
Spradlin: Letter: 2, Michelle

Sprain: SC 3, Cheer 1, 3-4,  
Fr.Club: 1-3, Ger.NHS 2-3, NHS  
3-4, Nat.Hip: 3-4, Melissa Stan-  
CO2, Kelly Stone: Letter: 1, Ryan  
Summers: KC 1, SC 1-4, Football  
1, Tennis: 2-4, Track 1, Fr.Club: 1-4,  
Acadec: Debate 1-4, Speech: 1-4,  
HTC 1-4, Fr.NHS 3-4, NHS 3-4,  
Orch: 1-4, Pres: 1, Jason Swalek,  
Rball 1-3, Track 1-4, Wr: 4, Ran-

dall Swinford: Con&Mar: Band  
1-4, Chris Swisshelm, Jeremy  
Swisshelm: Soccer: 1-4, Misty  
Szmec: Fr.Club: 1-3, ArtNHS 2-3,  
Rebecca Taber: CC 3-4, GLC 3-4,  
Track 1-4, Vball 1-2, Fr.Club 3-4,  
Fr.NHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Sarah  
Tanses: Cheer: 1-2, Kevin Tanis,  
Kristi Taylor: Aud: 1-4, SADD 1-  
2, HTC 1-4, Jason Tharp, Tob-

Tim: Letter 2-3, Track 2-4, Brian  
Toth: Baseball 1-2, Rball 1, Football  
1, Valerie Troppman: KC 1, CC  
3-4, Track 1-4, NHS 3-4, SIS 3-4,  
Orch: 1-4, Matt Trudeau: Aud: 3-4,  
Swim: 1-2, HTC 3-4, Chorus 3-4,  
John Turnbull: Rball 1-4, Track:  
3-4, Wr: 2, Bryan Tuskan: Wr: 2,  
Michael Upchurch: Aud: 1,  
SADD 3, HTC 1, Sci. Oly: 2.

Tatjana Uzelac: KC 2-3, Letter 2,  
Ger.Club: 1-3, Ger.NHS 1-3, John  
Vaques: Michelle Van Bode-  
graven: Sp.Club: 1-2, NHS 3-4,  
Sci.Oly: 3-4, Rachel Vanderbilt:  
Aud: 1, KC 2-4, SC 2-3, Track 1-2,  
Vball 1-2, Sp.Club: 2-4, NHS 3-4,  
SIS 3-4, Chorus 1-4, Mar: Band 1.

# LEARNING GROWING

Love Isn't All It's Cut Out To Be



## CLASS OF '94

"My senior year has been better than my freshman, junior, and sophomore years. But, there's a lot of pressure with getting into college. It's really hard, but I guess all you can do is sit back and hope for the best."

Joel Woodward

Through good times, bad times and the school's lunch, these seniors have remained friends throughout their four years at Highland High School.



Senior year is filled with friends, jobs, and graduation, but the most difficult part of all is having a relationship.

Most seniors have had someone special in their life. If two seniors are planning on going to college, they have to decide whether they will stay together or whether they will separate. It is easier when you are really committed to each other and have the same interests for the future. Most likely, if they are going away, the relationship will have a strain on it. Some cases are different. They care for one another so much that they try and work it out as best as they can.

If a senior and an under classman are going out, the chances of the relationship ending are high. The senior has more challenges to accomplish in their life after graduation. Under classmen are still in high school and living their youth.

Falling in and out of love is all a part of growing up. You will remember and learn from the relationships you had and grow with the relationships that you will have in your future.

Karen Maginot

Karen VanderWall  
Scott Vasatis  
John Vasquez  
Robert Veloz  
Ben Waldron  
Kelly Walkowisk



Jason Walsh  
William Walsh  
Kim Warnecke  
Beth Wells  
Nathan Weyer  
Tony Willman



Adam Wolak  
Mike Wolotka  
Joel Woodward  
Jessica Worries  
Hsin-Jung Yang  
Paula Zaborowski  
Kim Zaleswski  
Stacie Zivic  
Charlotte Sabotta



## Senior Directory

Karen VanderWall: KC1, SC4, Shield  
1-4, NH13, Benjamin Waldron: SC1,  
T1-4, Sp.Cib. 2-4, NHS 3-4, SHS 3-4,  
Kelly Walkowisk: S 2-4, BFA, 4,  
Cec.Cib.2-3, William Walsh: Pball 1-  
3, Wri1 Art NHS 3-4, Kimberly War-  
necke: NHS3, Mary Weigt: S2, T1-  
3, BPA3, Beth Wells: SC4, TX3, Fr.C1

1-2, Con. Band 1-2, Daniel West: Pball  
3, TX1-2, Wri1, Nathan Weyer: KC4,  
Bball1-3, GI-4, Tonya William: Aud.2,  
Let.1, Sp.C11-3, HTC2, NHS3-4, SHS  
2-4, Or.1-4, Daniel Winchell: Bball1-  
2, Adam Woijak: S6-S1-4, Joel  
Woodward: KC4, Bball 1, Bball 1-2,  
Pball 1-4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, Jessica  
Worries: Let. 2-3, Hsin Jung Yang:  
KC4, Sel-4, Jap. C14, Acc. Dec.4, Deb.1,

Sp.1-4, Art NHS3-4, Orch. 2-4, Sel.Oly.  
2, Paula Zaborowski: GI.C1-4, Sw.1-  
4, Tx.1, Sp.Cib. 1, Orch. 1-2, Kimberly  
Zaleswski: BPA3, Fr.3, PHA1-4, Alice  
Zakraski: KC1-2, S-2, Shield 3-4, CC  
1-4, TX1-4, Sp.Cib.1-2, NHS3-4, Q&S  
3-4, SHS2-4, Stacie Zivic: Ch.1, SBall  
2, HTC 4, SC 4, Sp.4, Link, Shield 4.



he challenges, responsi-  
bilities, and the stress of the four  
years are soon going to be over.  
From the start of freshman year  
to high school graduation,  
many memories are made. From memories of  
good times with your closest to dealing with  
those who think different thoughts.

Now that graduation is nearing, there  
is more reminiscing of the past three years.  
And, of course, four years from now, there will  
be plenty of walks down the memory lane of  
senior year.

On the day of commencement, there  
will be tears of joy running down the faces of  
students along with tears of sadness. Tears of  
joy shed for the friendships and wonderful  
experiences. Tears of sadness shed for the friends  
that are leaving, and for the fact that all wonder-  
ful experiences are now memories.

Along with the reminiscing of high  
school careers, there will also be thoughts on  
what the future holds for former students of  
Highland High School.

☐ Meggen Mastey

## CLASS OF '94

"These last  
four years  
have been a  
lot of  
laughs.  
Also, a lot of  
great expe-  
riences.  
And after it  
is all over,  
I'm looking  
very for-  
ward to  
attending  
college.

☐ Mary Burkman

# CHALLENGES STRESS





Molly Begala senior reflects upon her four years at Highland, and smiles at the happy memories that were made.

Senior friends Becky Tabor and Amy Fozkos compare their weekends while walking through the newly built student commons area.

Senior Carrie Ossanna shows her serious side as she gives her undivided attention to her teacher during a lecture and concentrates on taking notes.

Seniors Nate Dwenger, John Vasquez, Scott Shaginaw, and Timothy Chervenak show off their culinary skills during foods class.

Senior Bob Galic concentrates intently on a classroom lecture. He knows his high school achievements will help him later in life.





## The Class That Counted

# We Made It Happen With Work, Caring

Intensive study, friendship  
make senior year fly by

While there are many different ways students can spend their senior years, the Class of 1994 seems to have found its own way to make the world aware they are around.

This is the class which has weathered the turmoil of renovation, and as the work drew to completion and more and more parts of the building came into use with their new look, the seniors quickly adapted to the new school, leading the way with the student body as former traditions and new trends were cemented.

With the new commons area right inside the school main entrance, it was the seniors who took the lead in replacing senior benches of old with the new ways of gathering — on the side benches or on the carpeted seating areas built in the middle of the commons. There were also ways to make sure the cafeteria was aware of senior tables, and while senior lockers looked new and fresh, they quickly filled up with books, notebooks, and other things which add up to senior mementos for future years.

Whether behind computers in one of the many new computer labs, in the newly renovated cafeteria, or making their marks in the new classrooms, the Class of '94 made sure to fill the new school with new memories and also with a new respect for the traditions of the past.

The Renovation Class proved it was up to the task!



OF 1994 Highland High  
HHS  
SCHOOL CLASS





Leading the class academically are National Merit Scholars Jen Olzewski and Dawn Carlson. They were both listed at top scholars in the National Senior Class of 1994.

Opposite page, Joel Woodward combined academic and sports excellence, while Arin Betchen learned about oceanography at a Field Museum program off the Florida coast.



Above, Lisa Hurtt and Uki Chong shared the memories of friendship, while upperclassmen Doug Geyer, Scott Vasisit, Jeremy Nash and Phil Hasier enjoyed the new benches.

Left, Laura Mesman advanced, as did many other seniors, in the skills of computer communication and of computer technology in the work place of the future.

Helping make new memories for this year are Mr. Greg Petrin, right, and Kevin Price, taking a practical approach to learning. Below are Becky Tabor, hitting the books, and Chris Linder, showing off the new lockers which have become part of the school with the new renovation.



## The Class of Renovation

# Tomorrow's Leaders Set To Make Mark

## This Generation Learns To Make New Memories

**P**resident Kennedy's assassination, Viet Nam, Watergate. These are the memories of older generations. They recall these incidents when thinking about their high school years. Also, they have memories of their school and personal experiences as teenagers. But what will Highland students of this time remember? What events will be recalled at class reunions?

The world has changed throughout these high school years. At a young age, students have seen the fall of Communism, the rise of a new political era, and the start of peace in the Middle East. The Bulls Three-Peat and Michael Jordan retires. New beginnings have started to the history this generation will witness and influence.

New problems have come along. Teens have more complex and serious problems to deal with. Gangs, AIDS, violence and substance abuse have come to be daily concerns for many. It is for exactly these reasons that students must work harder to make things better for their futures.

The future will also be filled with recollections of Highland High and friendships. Everyone will remember renovation, the good and the bad.

It is all about memories. The seniors have hopefully already made many. For the others, it is time to be part of the school, the world, and life. Make memories. Memories will mark this time and make it special.

□ Arin Betchen



Karen Vander Wall was involved with learning, doing and realizing what America is all about in Government.



*These are the moments  
we'll remember . . .*

# CLASS OF 1994 Highland High School HHS

*Leading others in  
work and play is a gift  
one gives the world*

Linda Montalvo and Ryan Summers were two leaders of The Class of '94, active in student government, social issues, and many extra-curricular offerings.





# It's not over yet

## More training in the future for all graduates

**Is four more  
years of  
specialized  
schooling re-  
ally worth all  
this work?  
The answer  
is given by  
those ahead of  
us —  
Absolutely Yes!**

**F**inally, it's the last year of high school! Graduation is around the corner. Students anticipate the sense of relief they will have when they are done with school.

For many, the end of high school signifies the beginnings of the rest of their education — more years of training in college or various kinds of specialty schools.

With the current competition for jobs in this country, more teenagers realize they will have to attend some type of post secondary school in order to compete in a very tight job market. The problem arises in trying to decide and be accepted into their college of choice. A student must also consider how he or she will pay for this education, which is no small consideration!

There are hundreds of different types of colleges in the United States. Location, size, campus and student life are all important factors to consider when choosing a

Senior Mike Schmidt has also learned to hit the books, knowing that high school is only the first expected step toward a lifetime of success.

college. More importantly, a college must offer the academic competitiveness of a school to suite his or her academic level, and have the course offerings which will help the student's career the most.

After choosing colleges he or she is interested in, the student applies for admission. This can become an arduous task if the application requires essays or recommendations. Then, the application has to be sent by a certain date. These deadlines sometimes are met through last minute preparations and stressful working. Then the stress is not over. The student must wait, sometimes months, to see if he or she is accepted.

That was the easy part. Now it's time to figure out how to pay for college. Sure, there is financial aid, but many do not qualify or are not given enough money to cover all the costs involved. Students may also receive scholarships. Hard work and research are usually involved in finding and getting scholarship money. Other options include loans, work-study programs, or simply working as much as possible through college. Some students stay in the region so they can live at home and work part-time, thus saving a lot of money in housing and travel expenses.

Is four more years of school really worth all this work?

The answer is yes, though with the job market still tight many college graduates are jobless for years. However, there are more unemployed people who do not have college degrees, and statistics show those with college degrees have much more earning power through the history of their working years. Although a college degree does not guarantee a job, it gives a person a basis of knowledge and skill from which he or she can seek employment for a lifetime, even with possible career changes.

On the day of commencement from high school, it is normal to feel a sense of accomplishment and relief. There has been much accomplished, and there is certain basis for congratulation and feeling one has met his or her goals.

Just remember, it's not over 'til it's over, just as the theme of this yearbook states. In a few months it will be time to wake up for the first day of school again, and that will be another exciting time of challenge and expectation.

□ Arin Betchen



# Opening New Doors

## Junior Year Is The Key



Junior year is finally here! This is probably the most commonly heard phrase among the eleventh graders at Highland.

Why all the excitement about junior year?

Most likely because of the "seniority" that goes along with being a junior. Junior year means you finally are able to stand up for yourself without consequence. You can voice your opinion and it is finally heard. You are now at the higher end of the totem pole.

Is junior year only made up of having seniority? No way! You may now start preparing for college. The future becomes an issue. It's time to start growing up. Now is the time to start writing essays for those scholarships you have always dreamed of receiving.

Dreams are now thought of as a reality, or a soon-to-be reality. Whatever your goals are in life are now close to being achieved. It is now realized that the future is important and you should make the effort to make it as wonderful and fulfilling as possible.

Along with joy also comes sorrow. Some people think of their junior year as an end to a great time in their lives rather than a beginning to possibly an even better time.

Whatever your personal view point on being a junior is, it certainly is the beginning to a whole new you.

— Selena Cox

Stopping to pose for a picture at this year's Turnabout, Junior Melissa Zimmerman and her date, Doug Scherwin smile as they enjoy the evening.



Kristel Abney  
Timothy Adkins  
Raul Alfaro  
Keith Allen  
Aeric Arreguin  
Stephanie Atkinson



Kathleen Babcock  
Ryan Bailey  
Jennifer Bajda  
Kassie Banister  
Andy Barnes  
Stuart Barney





Scott Barreiro  
James Barrett  
Jill Begala  
Zachary Berger  
Laura Berronnes  
Debra Bidwell

Kelly Beison  
Dennis Bigda  
Melisa Billadeau  
Mia Billadeau  
Jill Bishop  
Kelli Blahnik

David Blair  
Jill Bogusz  
Meagan Boik  
Brian Bonnema  
Morgan Borbely  
Melissa Bowen

Deana Bradley  
Melissa Breger  
Blair Brown  
Kristen Brown  
Jeffrey Burosh  
Amanda Butcher

Brandon Cabrera  
Mary Callaway  
Eva Campbell  
Jason Cash  
Alicia Castillo-Flors  
Angela Castillo-Flors

Laura Cichon  
Linda Ciganovic  
Nancy Colias  
Karen Colter  
Mary Condes  
Samuel Condes

Robert Cook  
James Cortright  
Sarah Courtright  
Brandi Cowgill  
Jennifer Cunningham  
Paul Czyszczo

David De St. Jean  
Phillip Dennis  
Alyssa Diaz  
Suzana Djukic  
Anthony Doffin  
Anthony Dosado

Stacy Dudash  
Joshua Durham  
Brian Eaton  
Matthew Elder  
Liane Ellis  
Tracy Evans

Amy Evilsizer  
Todd Fandrei  
Becky Foutch  
Sarah Francis  
Jacob Frey  
Jeanine Friedrich



Neomi Garcia  
Philip Gavranic  
Gina Giovanelli  
Anthony Gomez  
Melissa Gonzales  
Jesse Gonzalez



Michelle Goodson  
Amy Govert  
Roberto Grau  
Jennifer Grelecki  
Jeff Grzybowski  
Javier Guerrero



Michelle Guiden  
Jill Gunter  
John Hamstra  
Kristian Hanson  
Sara Harkabus  
Terah Harris



Jason Hartman  
Tonya Hasselbring  
Michael Heffernan  
Heather Heintzman  
Kelly Herald  
Allison Hill



Jason Hingos  
Ezequiel Hinojosa  
Ne'Kole Hinojosa  
Kari Homans  
Kelly Hood  
Randall Horka



Anne Hornyak  
Melissa Howell  
Daniel Hrasch  
David Hugus  
Sarah Hull  
Anthony Hurtt



Nathan Hutchings  
Jennifer Intveldt  
Yassir Isa  
Stephen Jackson  
Charles Janik  
Larry Janovsky



Scott Jarmula  
Timothy Jasaitis  
Valerie Jayne  
Chris Jemenko  
Jaime Jensen  
Kristy Johnsen





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Rebecca Jones  
Bradley Joseph  
Heather Kaczmarek  
Ray Kane

Melissa Kantowski  
Amber Kay  
Clint Keene  
Sara Keil  
Valarie Kerr  
Michele Kessler



# Upperclassmen At Last

## Senioritis Shows Its Face

**S**enioritis! Sound familiar? It does to many Juniors here at Highland High. Junior year is the start of all worries. It is the year when you begin to look more into college. You start cramming for SAT's, and grades become more important to you. Your classes get harder and your teachers get tougher. All of these combinations start to form the symptoms of senioritis. If not all, most juniors are beginning to feel pressured from the responsibilities of being a junior. These responsibilities may seem overwhelming at first, but once you catch on and learn to balance your priorities, it's a piece of cake.

Junior year is the the time when you end the part of your life you spent as an underclassman and step up to being an upperclassman. Your parents trust you more (in some cases), and your amount of freedom increases. You get closer and closer to seeing those college days. You cannot wait until Graduation Day arrives. Believe it or not, that day is closer than it appears.

Junior year is a great year with a lot of surprises. The best thing to do is to just hang on, because it's going to be bumpy ride. There may be times when you just feel like giving up because that senioritis is kicking in. There is just one important thing to remember: it is only one more year.

□ Kelly Herald

Junior Sara Keil, carefully measures the temperature of a substance for an experimental lab during her Science course.



Wendelin Kish  
Bradley Klemm  
Jason Klocck  
Jennifer Kobeszka  
Noah Kostoba  
Teresa Kubie

Brad Kuechenberg  
Kenneth Kuiper  
Susan Kulczyk  
Theresa Labus  
Nicole Lamantia  
Kristy Lane



# ***New Emotions Found***

## All The Ups and Downs

**M**any experiences were discovered throughout Junior year. Emotions that we never even thought we had appeared as we matured and grew sophisticated. It's the year that we started our engines and got ready for the big race for the fearsome SAT's. Classes started to become more challenging and exciting. There was a bigger variety of classes offered with a bigger responsibility expected.

The Class of '95 was no longer considered underclassmen, which shadowed our sophomore and freshmen year. "It seems as though throughout our last two years we've gained confidence in ourselves and begun to look at different situations from all perspectives," explains junior Mandy Butcher.

Junior year was also a time that sports became very important. It was the time to get serious since colleges started to look at who's who among the best athletes since scholarships would soon be applied for or given.

Although this was not our senior year, it was still a time to prepare ourselves for the future. Various colleges and universities laid out their red carpets for many juniors nationwide to tour their campuses and become acquainted with life after high school. Junior Angela Castillo-Flores states, "Although I may not attend IU, I had a lot of fun at their Red Carpet Day."

┐ Alicia Castillo-Flores

Junior Dahlia Youssef smiles as she considers some possibilities of a topic for one of her Junior theme papers. Junior theme papers are mandatory.





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Kari Lessner  
Bryan Lieberman

Michelle Litavec  
Brian Lomax  
Lauren Loscalzo  
Matthew Lovas  
Leslie Machuca  
Garrett Magerski

Michael Malone  
Ryan Markley  
Jennifer Mathews  
Janelle Mayer  
Athena McCartney  
Alexis McFarland

Terrance McClean  
Sarah Menke  
Kurt Michaels  
Charles Mikuly  
Kristine Miller  
Joseph Mitchelltree

Kimberly Modjeski  
Melissa Mull  
Chad Mullins  
Ryan Murzyn  
Diane Nackman  
Ryan Nagdeman

Selene Nagy  
James Nielson  
Jason Novak  
Matthew Novak  
Terrence O'Leary  
Marty O'Toole

Thomas Ogrentz  
Robert Ortiz  
Gina Paglis  
Michelle Panicucci  
James Parlor  
Alison Peach

Edward Perez  
Randy Pete  
Kevin Peterson  
Jill Petska  
Amy Pieszchala  
Anthony Pineiro

Kimberly Porte  
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Leslie Pruim  
William Pruitt  
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 Jaqueline Sowinski  
 Cameron Spangler



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 Stephen Stasny  
 Justin Steiner  
 Joseph Stephen  
 Brian Stevens  
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 Kathy Tanis  
 Jason Tratta  
 Todor Trivunovic  
 Jennifer Trubach  
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Denise VanDeel  
 Anthony VanProoyen  
 Vincent Vasilie  
 Kimberly Vasquez  
 Steven Vincent  
 Tara Volbrecht



Sasha Vukas  
 Jaime Waldron  
 Jennifer Walter  
 Chantelle Warner  
 Chad Warren  
 Steven Weede



Todd Willhoit  
 Kristen Williams  
 Tatiana Williamson  
 Melanie Wilson  
 Kyle Wimmer  
 David Winchell





# Highlights Shine Through Future Preparation Begins

**J**unior year brings about a lot of opportunities and an abundance of new responsibilities. It's a year of change and anticipation for the future. It prepares you for what the future holds. It brings a person one year closer to graduation.

During junior year, the term of underclassman is quickly forgotten, while becoming an upperclassman is finally achieved. Junior Mandy Butcher says, "It's great to finally be an upperclassman. I thought I would never get here." When junior year is reached it is an evident relief that all students look forward to.

The thought of life after high school becomes more important during junior year. Graduation is one year away, and college is becoming a thoughtful issue. "Where to go" and "What do to" are just a few of the questions asked. Junior Jill Bogusz remarks, "I'm looking forward to college. It's going to be great, but I'm still undecided as to where to go to school."

There are many highlights during Junior Year. Planning the Junior Prom is probably the most major experience. Picking the songs and the colors for the dance is an opportunity many juniors look forward to. Junior Melissa Mull states, "It's really cool to be able to plan the way we want the dance to look."

□ Laura Cichon

Members of the junior class show their spirit and enthusiasm by participating in the pyramid contest during Homecoming Spirit Week '93. The juniors won this part of Superstars.



Tiffany Wojciechowski  
Michelle Worles  
Angela Wright  
Kyu Han Yeo  
Dahlia Youssef  
Michael Zembala

Tracy Ziemniak  
Melissa Zimmerman  
Martin Zufall  
Anne Zygmunt

# Yes! We Can Finally Drive Except Now It's Legal



Sophomore Dru Grigson looks on in amazement as friends, members of the Sophomore Class, participate in the pie eating contest during Sprit Week for Homecoming '93.

**A**hh, the day has finally arrived. Sixteen years, one month, and one day. Even more important than your sixteenth birthday - the day you can drive. (Legally that is!) No more need for bikes, mopeds, or parents to get around.

"The day I got my license I drove around the block about four billion times. I went to all my friends' houses, the mall, and to the grocery store for my mom. It was great. Freedom at last! The only bad part was I didn't master changing the radio station and driving at the same time," remembers Molly Gembolis, a sophomore driver.

That is what most sophomores think when they get their license - freedom. No such luck! With that little piece of plastic comes a world of responsibility. Such as paying for insurance. While

it may seem unfair, there are many factors which determine how much you as an individual will pay for your insurance. Your age will certainly be a factor. Also, whether you are a male or a female. And, if you have already had your license for a long period of time, your insurance fees will depend on how many tickets you have had, and also how many accidents you have been involved in.

"I had to get a job even before I got my license to pay for my insurance and gas. It costs so much too!" declares Susan Sprainis, who worked at Town Club.

Driving has its faults as well as pleasures. Freedom and responsibility go hand in hand for this one. Kind of like everything else that is part of growing up, right, sophomores?

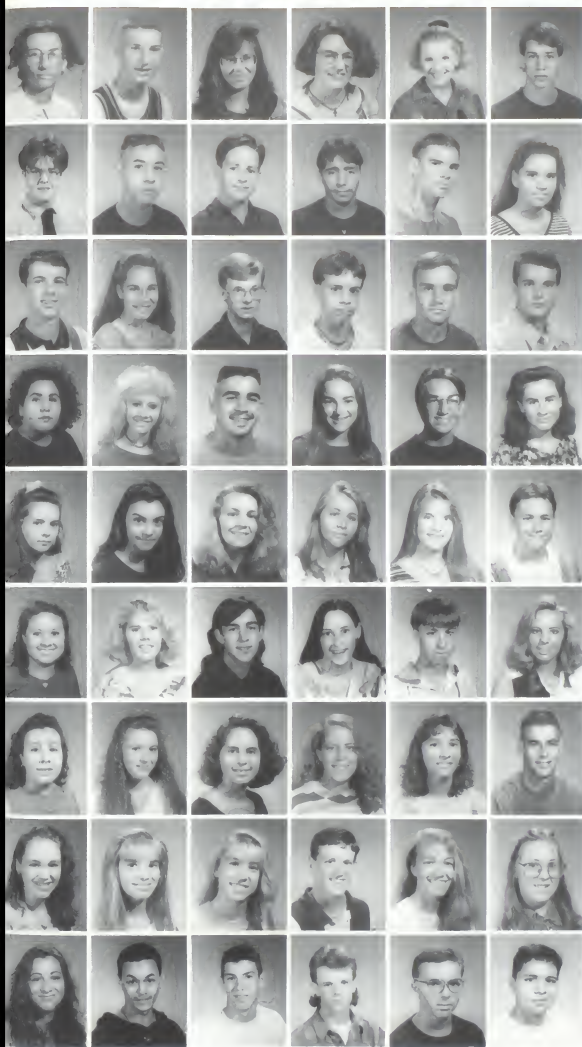
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Kevin Babcock  
John Baccino  
Jason Baker  
David Bakker  
Jennifer Batka

Tim Beanblossom  
Dawn Bielfuss  
Davona Bentley  
Timothy Benware  
Douglas Biel  
Rachael Bishop





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Christopher Bowton  
Carrie Brouillette  
Monica Brownwell  
Erica Burd  
Matthew Burleson

Michael Butler  
Brian Campos  
Jeffrey Chicki  
Shawn Click  
Bryan Cliver  
Helen Colby

Marc Cooper  
Selena Cox  
Brian Crane  
John Crawford  
Gregory Czaja  
Nathan Damasius

Julie DeLaCruz  
Nicole DeLaPaz  
Joseph Delrio  
Sarah Demaris  
Matthew Denny  
Lynette  
Dobrowolski  
Jennifer Downs  
Danielle Drlich  
Michelle Dvorsak  
Michelle Dyke  
Monica Dyson  
Matthew Eddy

Adrianna Escamilla  
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Kathleen Garretson  
Molly Gembolis  
Jennifer Guerlich  
Rusty Gordon  
Shannon Gouwens  
Elizabeth Grantner

Gina Graziani  
Dustin Griffin  
Dru Grigson  
David Grove  
Jason Gunn  
Ceasar Gutierrez



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JooHee Han  
Joshua Hanak  
April Harris  
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Dalene Hendrickson  
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Brian Howard  
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Erik Johnson  
Nathan Johnson  
Terrence Jones  
Michael Kaniuk



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Jennifer Kelley  
Kelly Kenders  
Becki Kinder  
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Michael Koby  
Angela Koleno  
George Kollintzas  
Amy Kotynski  
Ronald Krucina



Jermie Kubon  
Linda Kuch  
James Laczkowski  
Anna Landsman  
Angela Latawiec  
Letitia Lee



Heather Lind  
Michael Lively  
Adrianna Lona  
Amanda Love  
Brian MacDonald  
Darcie Madison





# Earning Our Own Keep

## It's Time To Grow Up

**F**inally! Sophomore year is here! Why all the excitement?

Because this is the time when former freshmen no longer have to hide behind teachers to avoid the taunting remarks being thrown at them by upperclassmen. They are finally able to walk down the hall while holding their heads high, instead of looking down at the ground.

This is also the time when most sophomores begin their attempts at receiving their drivers' licenses. This experience, for most students, means an elevated amount of freedom and a lot more responsibility. They have finally gotten past the "If we have parents we have chauffeurs" stage.

Jobs also become an issue during sophomore year. But why get a job? Why not leech off of your parents as long as is humanly possible?

We have to start facing the music. In just a few short years, we will no longer be known as the Class of 1996. We will have become, in college, the Class of 2000. After college, we will become the adult generation. We will be in charge of this world. Our future is now in our hands, and we have to show we can handle it. Mooching off of our parents certainly does not show our ability to support ourselves in the future.

Throughout high school, senior year is looked forward to with great anticipation. But why? As soon as we graduate, we will become freshmen once again.

What? Did we see the word "freshmen"? Yes, we did. Once again we will be at the low end of the totem pole. However, we know what we can do. Let's prove it!

□ Selena Cox



The spirit of Homecoming 1993 shines through as sophomores Christina Schroeter and Sarah Demaris show their support for the Highland Trojans.



Michael Maglish  
Matthew Manning  
Kelly Martin  
Meggen Mastey  
Joshua Matthews  
Heather Mazur

Brian McCullom  
Terrence McDonald  
Mary McGrath  
Laura Mesman  
Marcia Miller  
Robert Miller

Thomas Miller  
Anthony Mordus  
Jeremy Moss  
Jason Mulligan  
Steven Natelborg  
Bridgette Norris

Jessica O'Connor  
 Jessica O'Donnell  
 Marion Olszewski  
 Jason Payne  
 Telisha Pearson  
 Matthew Pepelea

Alan Pischner  
 Erik Pischner  
 Paul Pitts  
 Martin Plawecki  
 Gina Polsinelli  
 Heather Pontow

Shari Popplewell  
 David Price  
 Phillip Pruim  
 Jason Rataczak  
 Matthew Reba  
 Joseph Rechlicz



# *Time Sure Flies By Fast*

## Planning For The Future



Turnabout 1993 brought about many smiles, and left many with happy memories. This effect is shown by sophomore Sherry Ver Wey whose face seems to radiate the evening's magic.

**G**raduating to sophomore status is a big jump for most of us. The phrase, "It goes by so fast," is becoming a reality for us. We have realized that the future really is closer than it appears to be.

Everybody has different classes to work in, but most of us have learned our Grade Point Average or our class rank doesn't make a difference except on a college application. Friends don't care what grades you get, they just want you to be yourself. Every day more and more people comprehend this, which brings us closer and closer to maturity.

One of the best aspects of becoming a sophomore is we will be, or soon will be, able to drive. Perhaps another beneficial aspect is we are no longer looked down

upon. Well . . . not as frequently as we used to be. At least we are not referred to as the "frosh" any longer.

We have finally gained at least a shred of respect. We can now show our faces with dignity. We can now voice our opinions with confidence. Not only can we voice our opinions, they are now heard. If having then heard isn't enough, they are now heard with interest.

During our sophomore year it is realized high school is really more than just classes. Our best friends are here, and most importantly our memories. We don't just learn what  $xy + 3m$  equals, or where Zimbabwe is. We learn to concentrate more on the important things, and to plan ahead for the future because it really does go by so fast.

□ Anna Landsman





Joseph Rhoades  
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Valerie Rieckhoff  
Jesse Rippe  
Joseph Rivas  
Andrea Rivera

Elisa Rivera  
Jason Robbins  
Jaqueline Rohling  
Adam Rosenbloom  
Caroline Ruhs  
Mellisa Salle

Phrosini Samis  
Cheryl Scherringa  
Christina Schroeter  
Rebecca Schutte  
Richard Segally  
Jonathan Seremet

Aaron Shaps  
Nicole Shiperek  
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Bryan Skaggs  
James Skaggs  
Charles Sleeman

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Allison Smigla  
Jeffrey Smigla  
Kimberly Smith  
Jaime Solivais  
Susan Sons

Julie Sosa  
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Cindi Stone  
Michael Stout  
Amanda Straker  
Nancy Swallow

Ryan Sweeney  
Adam Szubryt  
John Tabor  
Hoi Yi Tam  
Justin Tauber  
Christy Thys

Melissa Timmer  
Davina Tomczak  
Jamie Tucker  
Aaron Underwood  
Michael Underwood  
Christin VanTil



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Michael Vasaitis  
Sherry Ver Wey  
Charles Vermajan  
Priscilla Visovatti  
Jonathan Wagman



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Eric White  
Lawrence White  
Sarah White  
Paul Whitener  
Stacey Wiist



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Aaron Willman  
Carrie Wilson  
David Wilson  
Jamie Wilson  
Philip Wojnicz



Millie Wright  
Bryan Wurst  
Emily Wynkoop  
William Wyrick  
Nicole Yadron  
Lavan Youngblood



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Michael Yurkus  
Jamie Zendian  
Steven Ziemniak  
Cory Zimmer  
Ron Zurek





# Sophs

## From The Bottom Of The Heap And Slowly But Surely Working Our Way To The Top

**S**ophomore. A step up from the bottom of the heap, and two steps below the top. Sophomore year is a very memorable for most. The year of relieving drivers' licenses, attending upperclassmen parties, hanging out at B.K., and of course, losing the freshman title.

For many, it is a growing year. Not only in age, but also academically, mentally, and physically. Sophomore Gina Polsinelli says, "I feel like I grew up a lot this year. Besides growing three inches taller, I have also learned to get along better with my

parents, and realize they are people too.

Many changes in attitude take place in tenth grade. People begin to realize that college is right around the corner, and good grades are needed to be accepted. Recruiters begin to look at our athletes, and class rankings seem to have more importance to us than what's on the lunch menu for that day.

Yes, sophomore year certainly is a growing year. We are no longer at the low end of the totem pole.

— Monica Dyson

Class Of  
1996



Sophomore Sarah Pry's face radiates with happiness as she enjoys the dance for Homecoming 1993. Sarah and her date were among the many couples and friends who attended this year's Homecoming festivities.

Sophomores Joo-Hee Han and Christina Schroeter laugh as they see what our school has become in just a few short months. They take comfort in the thought that our school will soon be functioning properly again.

Sophomores Emily Wynkoop, Nicole Yadron and Michelle Dyke carefully watch their experimental substance so the lab results will be precise. They are recording their observations and calculations for their required lab reports.



# False Information

## Freshmen Begin Under False Pretenses



ou walk up the side walk. You notice you are unfortunately nearing the doors. You reach the doors. You open them hesitantly as you wait for the worst to happen. No, this is

not the plot for a late night horror show. This is, for most, the first day of their career at Highland High School.

All through your Middle School career, all you hear false, yet horrific stories about what upperclassmen do to freshmen. "Don't ask

them directions," they say. "Don't mouth off to them!"

People have a tendency to make upperclassmen into heartless monsters.

Most of you have now come to the conclusion that they aren't all that bad.

Well, some of you have figured out that we upperclassmen were just like you when we were your age.

For those of you who haven't, maybe it's time to realize we all go through phases and it all works out well.

□ Selena Cox

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Shawn Andree  
Christopher Andrus  
Amanda Argue  
Christopher Arnold  
Virgil Arnold

Raymond Asbell  
Korin Bahr  
Elizabeth Barbour  
Julie Beanblossom  
Edward Berry  
Samantha Bigott

Michael Bishop  
Sarah Bishop  
Adam Blomquist  
Gregory Bluethmann  
Anthony Bodnar  
Eric Boesch Jr.

Bryan Bogacz  
Robyn Bognar  
Ray Borowiec  
Evie Bouvat  
Christine Brackett  
Tracey Braun

Nicole Brown  
Shannon Bruce  
Roberta Bruner  
Marc Buck  
Hilary Burd  
Robert Buss



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Jessica Cadle  
Christopher Calderon  
Jose Calderon  
Ryan Campbell  
Kathryn Challman

Kristin Chapman  
Patricia Chavez  
Joseph Chervenak  
Sharon Chiang  
Joshua Childs  
Kimberly Christenson

Michael Chu  
Brian Claesgans  
Jason Clark  
William Cochran  
Zachary Condes  
Jason Cooper

Marcha Cornett  
Rachel Courtright  
Margaret Craig  
Karen Crane  
William Cribari  
Deanna Crum

Rosenda Cuevas  
Dana Culic  
Nicholas Czapl  
Jeff Dancho  
Lisa Davies  
Michelle DeBoer

Joan Desler  
Stevan Djukich  
Veronica Dopka  
Jennifer Dorr  
Kelly Dudash  
David Duke

Kami Duncan  
James Durall  
Tonni Edwards  
Daniel Egan  
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Emmanuel Figueroa  
Michael Filipowicz

Jennifer Flores  
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Teresa Furman  
Jane Georgopoulos  
David Giba  
Brian Gifford





# The Step Forward

## Freshmen Start To Take The Big Plunge

**U**pon becoming a freshman, you are taking a huge step forward.

This step is the cornerstone for the foundation of years to come. High school can and certainly will have a great effect on your future.

Sometimes we take the education we are capable of receiving for granted. There are so many countries in this world that do not have the facilities to learn even a third of what we have available to us.

Realizing this may help us to appreciate all we have. In fact, high school helps to appreciate more than we ever thought was possible.

During high school you may land your first job. By earning your own money, you are apt to spend it more wisely.

That is, compared to the five dollars here and the ten dollars there borrowed from good old Mom and Dad.

For example, the money borrowed from parents, tends to burn a hole in your pockets. Whereas when you work for your money, you are less hasty while spending it.

When you first enter high school, you may think about driving. With the thought of driving comes visions of cruising around town until all hours of the night carelessly. Wrong! You forgot about stopping to pay for gas, paying for insurance, and even car repairs. Not exactly a great start to a weekend.

Obviously high school is not carefree. There are a lot of responsibilities to handle. But, it certainly is a learning experience.

□ Selena Cox

David Goben  
Shannon Gogolak  
Jennie Govert  
Melissa Gray  
Janet Grelecki  
Ronald Guidotti

Christina Gutierrez  
Warren Halls  
Jeremy Halton  
David Hamstra  
Douglas Hanson  
Joshua Hanson

Philip Harrelld  
Tracey Harris  
Adam Hart  
Mark Havens  
Sarah Hawkins  
Adam Hayes



Patricia Cuevas, and Robyn Boganur, along with other spirited members of the freshman class, laugh as they show their pride for the Class Of 1997.







Amber Hernandez  
Deana Herrin  
Tracy Higgins  
Robert Hollingsworth  
Steven Hood  
Edward Hoolehan

Christopher Hoover  
Sylvia Horton  
Nicole Housely  
Adam Hutsler  
Kevin Isck  
Tracy Jachim

Dale Jarvis  
Darrin Jendreas  
Darryl Jendreas  
Brandi Johnsen  
Daniel Jones  
Mark Jones

Molly Jones  
Erin Kahn  
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Kamille Kish  
Jill Kisse  
Brandon Knoche

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Nadine Lesiowski  
Richard Litavec

Erin Lotting  
Anthony Loughmiller  
Meghann Lowry  
Donald Maicher  
Jason Marshall  
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Jeremy Mauger  
William Mayer  
Michael McGrath  
Craig McLain  
Melissa McManus  
Daniel Mendoza

# From Love To CFS

## Freshman Year Holds Many Positive Aspects

**T**here are many positive aspects that ride along with freshman year. Such as, maturing, new friends, new loves, and last but not least, our cafeteria's CFS.

During freshman year, we learn to take this world seriously, and also to let them know that we are serious. We want this society to think of us as the next positive generation, not the X generation.

New relationships blossom through the course of ninth grade. In some cases, eighth grade friends will stay with you and you will acquire new friends simultaneously. Perhaps the most preferred situation, would be, "Make new friends, but keep the old."

Ahh . . . Love. From puppy love to true amour. Everyone has a perfect first day of high school in their own mind.

They walk through the doors of the school. Across the commons is the "boy/girl of their dreams." They look in each others eyes. They picture running through a field towards each other. Then their dreams are interrupted. They have tripped and fallen in the field of dreams. In layman's terms, they saw each other on the first day of school. They thought they saw stars, however, it was just the glare from the overhead, fluorescent lights. They saw each other for a few weeks and it tragically ended when their "stars" were clouded over.

Please, do not forget our cafeteria's legendary CFS. Nobody knows what's in it or why. CFS is a huge part of high school. Even if the thought of actually consuming this made you queasy in eighth grade once you become a freshman your taste for it is acquired.

□ Selena Cox



Freshman Mai Lei Naglich reads a short story assignment in her Literature book. Literature is a major part of freshman year. All freshman English classes read *Romeo and Juliet*, *To Kill A Mockinbird*, and many others.

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Stephen Miller  
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Timothy Mucha

Kristie Munsie  
Ronald Muvich  
Mai Lei Naglich  
Brandon Neeley  
Nicholas Negovetich  
Amy Nelson





John Nelson  
Sara Nichols  
Larry Niezgoda  
Heather Novak  
Jacob Novak  
Michael Oldham

Alyssa Oros  
Jonathan Orzechowicz  
Michael Paganelli  
Candy Parsons  
Sandra Paulaski  
Pedro Pedroza

Jody Pete  
Dana Peters  
Marcia Petersen  
Michael Petty  
Christy Phebus  
Melissa Pieschala

Vincent Pistilli  
Shawna Pitts  
Justin Poe  
Anthony Polito  
Philip Progar  
Garritt Pruim

David Rivera  
Rebecca Roche  
Stephanie Rodriguez  
Luke Roquet  
Kathryn Ross  
Heather Saulsgiver

Amanda Scheidt  
Matthew Schmidt  
Jessica Schullek  
Elizabeth Schutte  
Anne Scott  
Tom Scott

Erin Seidl  
William Sellis  
Gregory Serbenta  
Michael Simala  
Jason Sivak  
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Matthew Smith  
Jessica Stanley  
Marc Stephens  
Christopher Stok  
Melissa Stokes  
Frank Sturges

Ericka Swanson  
Tsz Yeung Tam  
Traci Tanis  
Geoffrey Tanses  
Kara Taylor  
Jennifer Tom





# To Make Or Break

## Accentuate The Positive, Eliminate The Negative

**H**igh school. These are two simple words that can make or break the rest of your adult life.

Some of you may have anticipated high school with thoughts of wild parties, freedom, and all the dances you could possibly

think of. While these certainly are a part of high school, they only account for a small portion.

Probably the most deciding factor for your future during your high school career, is academics. If you drudge on through school and fail all your classes, college will not be an option. This in turn, could make

your financial state after high school nonexistent. However, if you give it your all, and earn at least average grades, you may be able to actually have colleges paying you to attend their school.

Sure, sometimes it may seem difficult. And sometimes, you may just feel like the best thing to do at

that moment would be to give up.

Don't throw in the towel yet. Just believe in yourself and let your strengths shine through.

As the saying goes, accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and you will always come out on top!

□ Selena Cox

Class  
Of  
1996

Tara Torringa  
Douglas Turich



James Van Prooyen  
Betsy Nandernoord



Angela Ventling  
Angie Vermajan



Alison Wajvoda  
Reagen Wallner



Denise Walters  
Courtney Warner



Freshman Robyn Bognar cringes as she is covered with shaving cream while other members of the HHS student body look on.





Kelly Weyer  
Clyde Williams  
Scott Williams  
Jeffrey Wilson  
Mindy Wilson  
Brian Wynn



Carrie Yatsko  
Jong Chol Yeo  
Noel Zemaitis  
Carri Ziemniak

## A Year Of Change

Bill Mayer, along with Deanna Crum and Reagen Wallner smile as they pose for a picture before beginning the 1993 Homecoming parade.

Members of the freshman class show their spirit for our own Highland Trojans. They kept their spirits high throughout the week



*"The first  
year of  
high  
school  
gives all  
new expe-  
riences."*



# HHS plays

# Victory

There may be some defeats,  
but Highland rises above

"The thrill of victory; the agony of defeat" these are the two main goals of athletics. Athletes push themselves to the limit day in and day out to avoid the agony of defeat. This was evident everyday at HHS. The average athlete spent at least 140 hours practicing during one season for only about 38 hours of actual competition. These 140 hours spent practicing during the season were made more enjoyable this year as vast changes were made to Highland's sports facilities during renovation.

One of the most striking additions to the sports facilities was the new Natatorium. It's most noted for its diving facilities that weren't present on the former pool.

Although it was tough year of adjustments for the athletes, the '93-'94 school year marked an impressive trend for the future. The improved facilities and beneficent students that go with them is a sign of what is to be for the years to come.

□ Dave Johnston

Most of the facilities that were offered after renovation made most of the sports all the more enjoyable to athletes who were competing



This year the swim teams were allowed to have a diving team. Sophomore Rachel Bishop does a reverse dive

The boys basketball players were lead by #54 Sasha Vukas as they revealed that they are still #1 and still going strong.



# The Athletes

## Sports

Those who try are the best!



The Trojans may not have had a successful season, but Matt Novak's face shows his determination to win.

The sports of Highland High School portray the true talents of its athletes. They work their hardest to achieve their many goals. Throughout the year, all teams strove with their maximum determination to succeed.

During the fall, the cross country, volleyball, boy's tennis, girls' swimming, and football teams had dedicated members who drove them onward. The girls cross country team brought home a Lake Ten Conference title, while the boy's tennis team made it to Semi-State. The girls swimming and volleyball teams made a prominent show during their season. The top stars for the fall season were Sarah Menke, Jill Petska, Steve Dopka, and Jackie Rohling.

Winter sports were as promising as the fall sports. Wrestling had many qualifiers for semi-state. Boys and girls basketball both made their way to this year's sectional games. Boys swimming were lucky enough to have a top finish at sectionals and some swimmers even went to state. Outstanding athletes for the winter sports were Jason Spoljoric, Tim Atkins, Carrie Phillips, and David Baker.

The spring sports were filled with heavy competition against top placing teams. Boys and girls track teams ran their hardest through out their long, grueling season. Girl's tennis, soccer, and golf pushed themselves to obtain top rankings in their divisions. Softball and baseball batted up the ladder to success. The noticable players of the spring sports were Becky Tabor, Joey Peters, Arin Betchen, Phil Haiser, Tony Lane, Heather Skertich, and Scott Shaginaw.

Every team showed their hard work and till the end of there season. They never gave up no matter what they came up against. Win or lose the team members always came out with a positive attitude. The returning athletes hope to achieve the same amount of success next year as they obtained this year. The Highland High School teams never lack the determination and power to continue the next season.

□ Laura Cichon, Kelly Herald



# GRIT

***Rough season fails to dampen Trojan hearts with new Coach Hanson***



'Great things often spring from humble beginnings.'

If the proverb is true to form, then Highland Football should have a very bright future. First year Head Coach Rob Hanson led the Trojans into the 1993 campaign with a fresh look and a new attitude.

After a pair of one win seasons, Rob Hanson, the former head coach of Gavitt who garnished two Lake Shore Conference championships during his tenure, was called on to relight the fire of the Highland football tradition.

The 1993 campaign was the inaugural season for the Lake Ten Conference, which consists of former Lake Suburban Conference members Highland, Munster,

Calumet, and Griffith. It also contains former Lake Shore Conference members Bishop Noll, Hammond High, Morton, Gavitt, Clark, and Whiting. The Lake Ten Conference was divided into two five team divisions, the Black and the Blue Divisions. The Trojans competed in the Black division, which also consisted of Munster, Hammond, Bishop Noll, and Morton.

The highlight of the season was Captain Steve Dopka being named one of the best linebackers in the area. Dopka finished third in tackles and also was named Most Valuable Player.

Another highlight of the season was a 7-0 loss to Hammond High, who finished second.

□ Dave Flores

Paul Callaway got on top of the season. The Trojans fought off the L.C. Indians. Ben Houchin, Dru Grigson, and Eric Johnson worked hard.

Number 57, Senior Steve Dopka, has been a devoted member of the Highland Football Team for 4 years. Steve was Most Valuable Player.





*Freshmen: Row 1 L-R: B. Borowiec, M. Havens, M. Bishop, D. Rivera, A. Hustler, J. Clark, C. Serbenta, J. Sivak. Row 2: J. Berlanga, B. Claesgens, F. Stegessa, S. Caddick, C. Calderone, N. Negovetich, T. Elder. Row 3: Coach Giba, E. Hoolehan, P. Pedorza, K. Kolby, D. Egan, E. Boesch, M. Petty. Row 4: Coach Radyoa, M. Schmidt, D. Duke, W. Halls, B. Mayer, R. Campbell, C. Karpenc.*



*IV-Varsity Row 1 L-R: N. Damasius, B. Lomas, T. Mordus, J. Smigla, M. James, J. Koloe, D. Flores, P. Camp, S. Shaginaw, J. Spogor, Row 2: G. Czaja, J. Lane, J. Woodward, K. Gordon, R. Isa, S. Ziemniak, J. Frye, N. Johnson, M. Novak, J. Kaska, M. Havens. Row 3: J. Delrio, J. Gallager, B. Leane, K. Leane, E. Ellis, T. Orgentz, E. Ellison, J. Turnbull, T. Sowinski, D. Grigson, B. Houshen, F. Callaway, J. Mathews. Row 4: C. Orrick, T. Michalak, M. Metrick, J. Novak, A. Keightly, J. Elio, C. Sleeman, B. MacDonald, E. Johnson, S. Dopka.*



*The Trojans new Coach Hanson gives senior Joel Woodward a little advice on the side line. It helped a lot, because he played a great game.*

# ACE

## **Strong doubles play brings sectional crown with Waldron, Galic, Price**

The Boy's Tennis team had another good season. The season record this year was 11-7.

Leading the way were seniors Bob Galic and Kevin Price, playing number one doubles, and Ben Waldron, playing number one singles.

Seniors Bob Galic and Kevin Price had a season conference record of 6-2. They had a very good season this year by becoming sectional champs, and then they both advanced to state competition.

Ben Waldron had a great year, with adding many wins, a lot of effort for the team, and had a lot of confidence in everyone.

"This year was very promising; we had some really big wins and a couple tough losses, but all things aside, I think we all had a lot of fun and plenty of memories with Coach Mazur," says Ben Waldron.

This year's team had many talents and a lot of unique features. Coach Jerry Mazur gives an preview of this year's

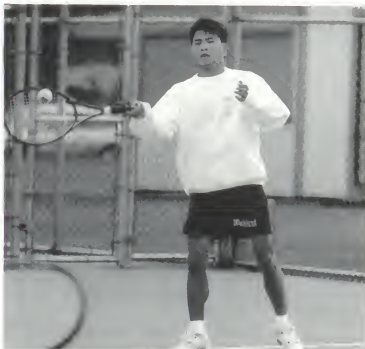
team. "Great kids, great attitudes and they have great futures ahead of them. Can't always measure success by wins or losses."

This year the team had a big fan, Mike Mazur, who always thought they won and never lost. This kept spirits up, and the faith of just improving and working harder every time.

Sophomores Martin Plawecki, Paul Whitener, along with Junior Matt Elder, are looking forward to next year for improvement, to have fun, and also be ready to welcome the new players to the team.

Many awards were won at the Fall Banquet. This year's awards included Most Valuable player being won by Ben Waldron; the Mental Attitude Award going to Kevin Price, and Most Improved Award for Tony Doffin. All-Conference Honorable Mention were given to Kevin Price and Bob Galic along with Ben Waldron.

□ Meggen Mastej

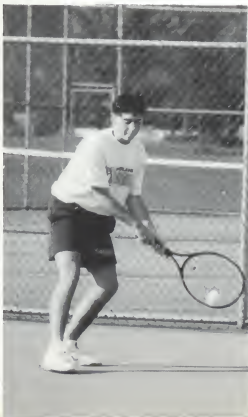


Junior Steven Yeo focused on the elements in his powerful serve return, so it will bring another win.



Senior Bob Galic focused all his attention on the ball and hitting a great shot to his Lake Ten Conference opponent.

Anthony Van Prooyen changes the score, and changes sides.



Andzea Vitabecchi hits a powerful forehand volley to his opponent. Ben Waldron gives his attention to win the next point.



Tennis R1: M. Yurkus, T. Doffin, J. Tabor, M. Mazur, R. Alfaro, S. Yeo, B. Waldron R2: K. Price, G. Kuzmar, M. Elder, M. Flawicki, R. Summers K3: J. Barrett, P. Whilener, Coach Jerry Mazur, B. Galic, and J. Burnsh.



Number one doubles player Senior Kevin Price returns a backhand to tie up the score. Kevin will be missed next year.

Tony Doffin, the most improved player on the team this year, reaches for his perfect forehand shot to win this match.

# RUN

## Rainy fall fails to stop guys, girls cross country in conference action

The cross country teams this year were very dominant among the competition. They illustrated their talents by placing prominent positions in sectionals and conference. Both teams ran with the experience and talent they all possessed. Coach Rick Espitia remarks, "This year's team had a lot of enthusiasm and confidence. They were determined to succeed and do their best."

The boy's team placed third in conference and fourth in sectionals. They qualified as a team for regionals, but only sophomore Jason Gunn preceded to semi-state. The girl's team won conference and ranked second in sectionals. They claimed a position of seventh among a field of ten teams in regionals.

The captains for the girl's team were Becky Tabor and Amy Foskos. There were no designated leaders on the boy's team in an effort to promote equality among the runners. Top runners on the girl's team were Jill Begala, Jill Petska, Kassie Bannister, Becky Tabor, and Susan

Sprainis. The top runners on the boy's team were Jason Gunn, Nate Dwenger, Joey Peters, T.J. Mucha, and Dave Johnston.

Members on each cross country team were given various awards for accomplishments that season. Most Valuable Person was Nate Dwenger and Jill Begala. Most Improved was Jason Gunn and Kassie Bannister. Best Mental Attitude was Joey Peters and Becky Tabor. However, the whole team contributed to their success.

At the end of the season, many team members were reflective on their past achievements and failures that made this season a memory. Team member Lauren Loscalzo says, "I was kind of sad when the season was over with. We did really good."

The major highlights during the season were the Carmel Classic, New Prairie Invitational, Highland Invitational, Conference, and Sectionals.

□ Laura Cichon

*'Nobody can say they were the first Lake Ten Conference champs but the Lady Trojans! This was the first team to conquer in the new conference, with new and old rivals.'*

Coach  
Rick Espitia



The boy's and girl's cross country teams pose for a group picture before warming up at one of their home conference meets.

Senior Becky Tabor and juniors Kassie Bannister and Jill Petska run their hardest at the end of one of their events.







Top runners Becky Tabor and Jill Petska show their endurance and stamina as they run, while the team holds up their banner.

Junior Joey Peters warms up before one of his events. He was voted for Best Mental Attitude among the boy's team.



*Girl's Cross Country* Row 1: B. Tabor, T. Quenzler, J. Petska, K. Bannister, A. Fskos. Row 2: T. Lee, L. Lane, J. Begala, S. Sprainis, Coach Rick Espitia.



*Boy's Cross Country* Row 1: J. Gunn, T. Martin D. Johnston, J. Peters, T. Mucha. Row 2: Coach Tom Summers, B. Moulesong, B. Wurst, N. Dwenger.



# PASS

**Carrie Ossanna, Amy Hanak, Dena Conn lead Lady Trojans in march to sectional play**

This year, the Lady Trojans were ahead of the game more than ever by accomplishing something that has not been accomplished since 1981—a sectional championship.

On October 21, the Lady Trojans began their quest for the title by defeating Hanover Central Wildcats in a nerve-racking game. That win advanced them to the semifinals against Griffith. After three rigorous matches, the Lady Trojans came out victorious. That win, putting them in a final that would not be easy, matched them versus the tough Lake Central Indians. After a great effort, the Trojans came out winless by score, yet winners in the hearts of many.

In the beginning of the year, it was the team's goal to reach the sectional finals. With only two returning veterans from last year's squad, many thought it was an impossible task. A lot of hard work and little play proved everybody wrong. "All my hard work with the teams

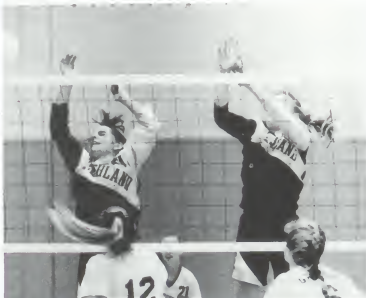
has paid off. I had a fun season and a good experience being with these guys this year," said Sara Menke.

"We had a lot of ACTION SHOTS," said Dena Conn. Not only action shots, but action games too, ending their season with 17 wins and 13 losses. Award winning players were M.V.P. Sara Menke, Most Improved Bridgette Norris, Best Mental Attitude Jaime Waldron. Next year they should be very promising, considering they are only losing four seniors from this year's team. "The team hopes to see Coach Elston next fall," Liane Ellis stated.

All and all, the volleyball team had a great season. The team has put a lot of effort into the game and so did the caches.

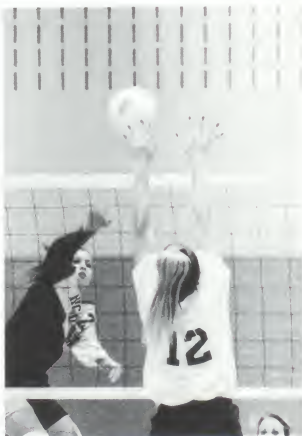
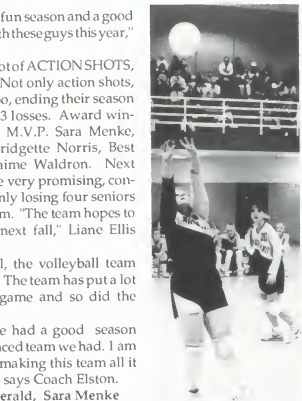
"I think we had a good season with the inexperienced team we had. I am looking forward to making this team all it could be next fall," says Coach Elston.

□ Kelly Herald, Sara Menke



Junior Kristy Lane and Sophomore Bridgette Norris work on blocking the ball back to the opponent's side during a home game.

Junior Sara Menke sets the ball up for a spike, while Junior Amy Govert tries spiking the ball for points against a conference foe.





Varsity teammates Christin Williams, Kristy Lane, and Bridgette Norris cheer others on, showing the Trojan team spirit.

Coach Brian Elston gives some inspiring words to team captain Sara Menke and Carrie Ossanna about the game. The Trojans won.



Varsity: Row 1: A. Hanak, D. Conn, C. Ossanna, M. Kantowski Row 2: J. Waldron, K. Lane, J. Grelecki, S. Menke, A. Govett Row 3: Coach Elston, C. Kenders, L. Ellis, K. Williams, Coach Fletcher, Coach Dybel



J. V. Row 1: R. Guzman, H. Hugus, M. Kaweck, N. Shipureck Row 2: M. Miller, S. Finke, M. Laciak, E. Seidl, C. Roughe Row 2: K. Amandatilis, Coach Dybel, B. Norris.



9th Grade: Row 1: K. Duncan, K. Kish, B. Krajewski, E. Swanson, J. Grelecki Row 2: S. Kemp, K. Dudash, D. Herrin, D. Crumb, L. Daris, K. Weyer Row 3: Coach Fletcher, R. Bogner, J. Kissy, N. Brown

# WET

## After renovation swim team claims new pool; Toweson Coach of Year

Many people question how the girls swim teams survived without a pool. The answer comes back loud and clear: the Highland swimmers didn't just survive they excelled.

Competition was tough for the team with only one practice a day at Griffith instead of two. However, the team pulled through with a 2nd place finish at Conference and a 3rd place finish at Sectionals.

An exciting new addition to the team was a diving program. With access to Griffith's facilities, some Highland girls got their first shot at competitive diving. Leading the way was Kim Furman with a 10th place finish at Sectional finals. Diver Monica Dyson remarked, "Our main goal throughout the season was to have fun and we definitely succeeded at that. I think next year will be even better!"

In addition to the new divers, were first year competitive swimmers who were an important asset to the

team. Returning swimmer Melissa Sinder commented, "The new swimmers gained a lot of experience and we all got along great. Next season will be one to look forward to."

Co-captains Marilee Bennington and Paula Zaborowski led the team this year with hard work and dedication.

The season wasn't an easy one for the girls, however. By the end of the season their endurance began to show through with a dramatic 2 point win over Hobart and their second place place finish at Conference. This excitement carried over to sectionals. It helped build the team's confidence.

First team all conference finishers were Jackie Rohling in the 50 freestyle, Paula Zaborowski in the 100 Butterfly, and the relay team of Kelli Blahnik, Bennington, Zaborowski, and Rohling winning both the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay.

□ Kelli Blahnik



After their race, the Trojans listen to a word of advice from Coach Toweson. This included co captain Paula Zaborowski.







Senior Marilee Bennington swam the breaststroke leg of the 200 medley relay. She was the other team captain.

First year team member Regan Wallner swam strongly to the finish in the backstroke. She enjoyed the team unity.

Danielle Drlich leapt from the blocks at the start of the race. She was known as a competitive athlete in the 200 free relay.



Row 1: C. Ziemiak, M. Sinder, D. Drlich, M. Bennington, P. Zaborowski, R. Walner, A. Kay, E. Campbell, Row 2: S. Demaris, M. Bowen, K. Barr, J. Tom, W. Kish, A. Lona, C. Schroeder, Row 3: E. Bovak, M. Litavec, J. Rohling, C. Giavanelli, S. Gwens, Coach Toweson



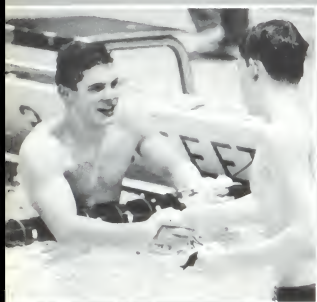
Marilee Bennington, Jackie Rohling, Kelli Blahnik, and Paula Zaborowski celebrate their Lake Ten Conference Championship.



Lake Ten Conference Coach of the year, Brian Toweson, watched his team from the side of the pool. He was not disappointed.



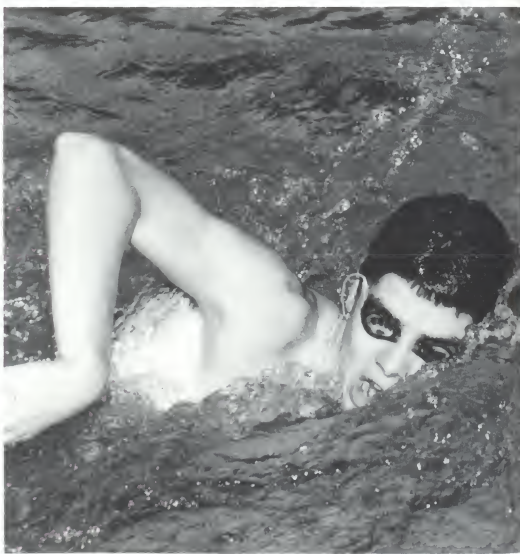
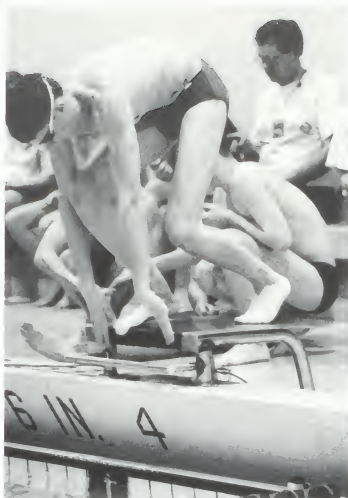
*Swimming Row 1: I. Broski, S. Vincent, A. Szubryt, D. Biel, D. Wilson, B. Kendzierski, D. Turich. Row 2: N. Damasius, D. Bakker, J. Seremet, J. Skaggs, M. Snowden. Row 3: Edmonson, P. Callaway, D. Addison, T. Miller, A. Willman, D. Sieb, R. Grau, Towenson.*



A Highland High school swimmer shakes the hand of an opponent after a race they competed. he shows the true Highland spirit.

Sophomore David Bakker prepares himself on the starter block before his race, while team mate Stewart Barney attempts a dive.

Junior Robert Grau swims a free style competition race during a meet. He is one of the top swimmers on the team this year.



# DIVE

**With new pool and lots of desire, Sieb and Broski led team**

Of all the years to open a brand new natatorium, Highland Swimming sure picked a good year.

The Trojans opened the new swimming pool with two consecutive victories, and a second place finish in the new Lake Ten Conference.

Unlike most other years, the tankmen were short-handed this year with only two seniors. "We had to really rely on our under classmen depth this year," says junior Steve Vincent.

Co-captains Ian Broski and Derrick Sieb led the underclassdominated team to a seven to seven record. They placed second in both the Conference and Sectional meets.

The Trojans out swam their Gavitt rivals at the Lake Ten Conference meet. They placed second behind Munster. Sophomore David Bakker was awarded All-Conference in the 100 backstroke.

Taking 2nd Team All-Conference were Mike Snowdon in the 200 IM; Paul Callaway in the 100 breast; the medley relay

team of Bakker, Snowdon, Callaway, and Serement; the four free relay team of Bakker, Grau, Callaway, and Snowdon. Also Coach Brian Toweson was awarded Lake Ten Conference Coach of the year.

Highland swimmers once again showed their strength at this year's sectional meet at Munster. The sectional meet was supposed to be a carbon copy of the Conference meet. Yet, the Tankmen came out of the meet with a nearly hundred percent best times. They also were tying Gavitt for second place.

"I think that we out-swam Gavitt. However, we lost thirty points because they have excellent divers," says junior Robert Grau. Along with outstanding swim times by the rest of the Trojans, sophomore David Bakker qualified for this year's state meet in Indianapolis.

In all the years of Highland swimming, a winning tradition has carried the Tankmen through. With a new pool and a young team Highland is hopeful.

—Paul Callaway



Coach Toweson instructs his swimmers on their races before they begin their warm up at a swim meet in the new pool.



Sophomore Nate Damasius waits for the race that he will be in to begin, while his team mate Robert Grau relaxes after his is done.

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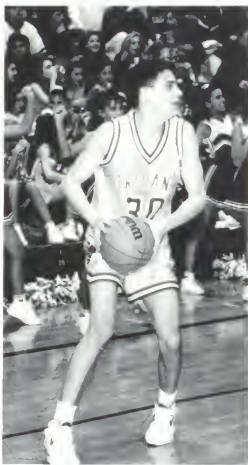
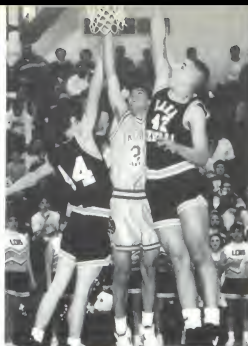
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J.V. BB Row 1: D. Schwein, K. Kuiper, T. McDonald, R. Gordon Row 2: Coach Elston, E. Johnson, J. Mulligan, J. Moss, J. Hamstra, Coach McCallister.



Varsity: Row 1: T. Lane, P. Wojnicz, J. Tauber, T. Atkinson Row 2: Coach Hedges, B. Skaggs, N. Dwenger, J. Lasota, Coach Elston Row 3: Coach Urban, M. Peters, J. Durham, S. Vukas, A. Keightley, J. Rozanski, Coach McCallister.

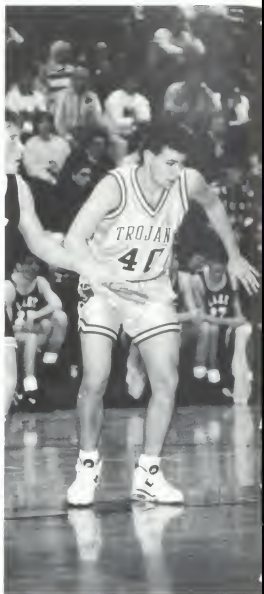


Senior Jason Rozanski soars above the rest in a crucial win against rivals Lake Central as crowd and teammates anxiously look on.

Four-year team member Jason Rozanski looks for an open team mate to pass the ball. He was a leading scorer for the Trojans.

Junior Mike Peters awaits the release of a free throw shot to get the rebound. He was a leading rebounder for the HHS Trojans.

Sasha Vukas jumps above a Lake Central opponent to sink a great shot. He scored 12 points against Lake Central's Indians.



The thrill of victory was felt quite a few times by this year's team. Nate Dwenger, Sasha Vukas, and Josh Durham enjoyed it.



# NET

## **Rozanski, Lane, Vukas lead this year's Trojans to victory over Indians**

This year's cagemen enjoyed the thrill of victory more times than the agony of defeat. This was due to extra hard work of such great players as Sasha Vukas, Jason Rozanski, and Tony Lane.

"We were determined to make this season better than last year's. Practices were more intense and there was more of a feeling of a team," Jason Rozanski remarked. He was a leading scorer for the team.

Not only were practices harder, but they started a little earlier this year. Conditioning started back in October, with the team running many miles a day.

"We ran far and hard before the season started, but it really paid off. We weren't half as tired at the end of the game as we used to be," remembered Sasha Vukas.

This fitness helped the team get a big win against Lake Central. The game was a close one with Highland coming out on top. The team finished

with an overall record of 11-8 for the season. They were 6-3 in Conference, which made them tied for second. This outstanding record was the first winning season since 1987-88. To add to this, it was the best record since the 1981 team.

In preparation for this year's sectionals, all the team members shaved their heads. Senior Alan Keightly said, "We did it to show our dedication to the Highland Trojans and determination to beat Lake Central."

This year's team was on the younger side. Even though the team was young in experience, the team still performed well under pressure. Athletic Director Mr. Ken Bye stated, "This year's team made all of us as school and community proud."

Even though the Trojans did not win the game against L.C., the students definitely showed their school spirit by dressing up in blue and gold.

— Alice Zakrzacki



Winter Sports

**Basketball**

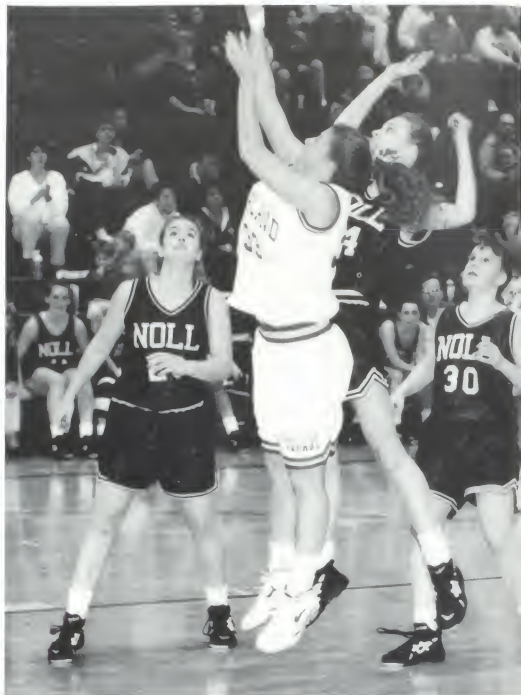




*Varsity* Row 1: L. Moore, N. Shiperek, A. Govert, C. Ossanna. Row 2: C. Ruhs, K. Phillips, C. Greeson. Row 3: M. Norris, K. Amanatidis, B. Norris, Coach Anne Equihua.



*J. V.* Row 1: P. Samis, A. Rivera, J. Waldron, K. Amanatidis, K. Evilsizor. Row 2: Coach C. Hupenthal, L. Holahan, T. Heitzing, M. Billadeau, E. Sidel, M. Laciak.



Senior Karrie Phillips shoots for two points against Bishop Noll. Junior Bridgette Norris concentrates as she shoots a free throw.

Junior Amy Govert goes for a lay up, while her team mates fight for a basket. She was the leading scorer on the team this year.

# RIM

## Leaders Govert and Phillips helped team achieve all their goals for season

The girl's basketball team this year was very productive during their season despite their many draw backs. Many of their players were injured throughout the season. They also had to grow accustomed to their new coach, Anne Equihua. Senior Carrie Ossanna says, "Coach Equihua was a great change for our team. She really pushed us to do better in games and at practice."

The girl's basketball team season record ended up five wins and fourteen losses. Their conference record was five wins and four losses. They won against Whiting, Calumet, Gavit, Griffith, and Morton. They had two All-Conference winners. They were junior Amy Govert for First Team All-Conference, and sophomore Bridgette Norris for an Honorable Mention.

The varsity team comprised of ten players. The seniors were Mandy Norris, Carrie Ossanna, Laura Moore, Cherri Greeson, and Karrie Phillips. The

only junior on the team was Amy Govert. The sophomores on the team were Carrie Ruhs, Koula Amanatidis, Nicole Shiperek, and Bridgette Norris.

Top scorers on the team were Amy Govert, Karrie Phillips, Bridgette Norris, and Carrie Ossanna. However, the whole team tried their hardest to succeed this season. Many of the returning players are looking forward to next season. Junior Amy Govert remarks, "This year was a turning point for our team. We really worked hard to do good. Hopefully next year we will do even better than this year."

The girl's basketball team this year proved themselves throughout the season. They are definitely ready for next year, ready to win with their new coach and some new players.

□ Laura Cichon

Senior Carrie Ossanna shoots for a free throw after being fouled. She has been on the basketball team since her freshmen year.



Sophomore Carrie Ruhs plays defense against the opposing team. This was her first year on the varsity basketball Lady Trojans.



As the varsity team is announced before a game, junior Amy Govert joins her starter team mates on the court at a home game.





Varsity Wrestling Row 1: B. Joseph, M. Havens, M. Yurkus, T. McClain, Row 2: J. Spoljorick, M. Havens, V. Vasile, P. Dennis, Row 3: C. Gonzalez, C. Robinson, A. Barnes, L. Janovsky, T. Gordon, C. Augustin.



Varsity Row 1: J. Clark, B. Joseph, J. Mathews, M. Havens, M. Yurkus, T. McClain, T. Rivera, Row 2: C. Gonzalez, D. Slager, J. Caceron, J. Spoljorick, M. Havens, V. Vasile, P. Dennis, M. Smith, N. Peters, C. Robinson, Row 3: C. Augustin, M. Maglish, A. Barnes, S. Jackson, L. Janovsky, T. Gordon, J. Rippe, J. Sivak, J. Novak, Row 4: B. Houtchin, C. Karpinec, M. Dunn, A. Rosenbloom, D. Grigson, J. Swalek.



Josh Matthews looks his opponent in the eye as Larry Janovsky fights to get out of a tough position for some points at a home meet.

Dru Grigson concentrates on pulling his hand through the other wrestler's arms to gain control so he can be ahead on some points.





# PIN

## **Grapplers had strong hold over rival in semi state competition**

Winter Sports

## Wrestling

**A**ll it takes is all you got," says the wrestlers of Highland High School. Wrestling is one of the most pressuring sports you can play. It all depends on one individual for each match to get the team points. One person can do it for the team by the winning of their match. That's a lot of pressure on an athlete as they step up on to that mat. All thats on their mind is to "Win".

During the season there were many accomplishing efforts of the wrestlers. All the wrestlers maintained a good record but one individual who stood out was Brad Joseph. He had an outstanding season, loosing only once this season to Penn. That was a great improvement resulting from all his hard work and effort.

Last year's season didn't end on the best note. The team seem to be in a slump. This year the team has turned it all around. "After a long dry spell, we took sectionals this year. With six returning seniors we will be unbeatable next year."

said Larry Janovsky.

That is what was on the mind of a lot of the wrestlers this year. Hard work and dedication could get you some-where. Highland had a good season sending 5 of their men to semi-state. Among them were Jason Spoljoric, Tim Gordon, Brad Joseph, Larry Janovsky, and Scott Mulcahey. With them, along with the others wrestlers we pulled off a good year with a lot of wins under our belt.

The awards this year went to Best Mental Attitude — Vince Vasile, Most Improved — Larry Janovsky, Most Valuable — Jason Spoljoric. With these three leading the team they were practically unstoppable. Their coach felt that they just got a bad stroke of luck at semi-state; they should have taken it. Next year with a little more practice and Lady Luck smiling Highland's way, they will be sure to achieve their full potential.

□ Kelly Herald



Junior Brad Joseph uses all his power to flip his opponent in the air while trying to listen for his next move to be shouted out by coach.



Junior Vince Vasile gets his hand raised for victory as Jason Spoljoric pushes to move his opponent into a pinnable position.





The 1993-1994 JV and Varsity cheerleaders receive their plaques for qualifying for Nationals. (L-R) Coach, Ms. Debbie Tica, Ann Zygmunt, Tracy Zienniak, Melissa Zimmerman, Michelle Sprainis, Selena Cox, Shelby Smothers, Stacy Dudash, Linda Montalvo, Jessica Kobeszka, Kim Modjeski, Becki Kinder, Arin Betchen, Jennifer Gnerlich, Jen Bognar.

## Unlimited Spirit Through Good Times And Bad



Jen Bognar and Michelle Sprainis put Melissa Zimmerman in a press during this year's Homecoming pep rally.

This year's season was probably one of the best ever, despite many hardships which were overcome. Throughout this year's cheering season, many events took place.

This year the squads began under new sponsors, Ms. Debbie Tica and Ms. Brandy Oslawski. These two people were a great asset to the squads.

In August, the JV and Varsity

cheerleaders attended a camp at IU Bloomington. At the end of the camp a competition was held. The squad took second place and qualified for Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee.

This year's squad was made of dedication and determination which paved our way down the path to the top.

□ Selena Cox



Varsity cheerleader Ann Zygmunt prepares to dismount from a press during one of our basketball games this year. Ann has been cheering our Highland Trojans on since her freshman year.



Junior Varsity cheerleader Stacy Dudash smiles while she hands out balloons to fans of our Highland football team at Homecoming. These balloons were released at kickoff by fans.



Freshmen: (Row 1) Christie Munsie, Shannon Gogolak, Laura Miloshoff. (Row 2) Bobbie Bruner, Jessica Stanley. (Row 3) Jennifer Tom, Shannon Kemp, Mai Lei Naglich.



JV Cheerleaders (Row 1) Jessica Kobeszka, Selena Cox. (Row 2) Becki Kinder, Kimberly Modjeski, Stacy Dudash. (Row 3) Jennifer Gnerlich, Kelly Martin



Varsity : (Row 1) Tracy Ziemniak, Ann Zygmunt, Linda Montalvo. (Row 2) Melissa Zimmerman, Michelle Sprainis. (Row 3) Jennifer Bogner, Arin Betchen, Shelby Smothers



# BAT

***Shaginaw, Kutchenberg, and Dillon help the team run bases around their opponents.***

Batter up! Highland was willing to take on any opponent this year. At the beginning of the season, local sports writers wrote off the team. This year's team simply wouldn't take that kind of criticism. Still having some of that old H.H.S. baseball spirit of '91, they came back to a strong win of 9-0 over conference leader, Clark. They may have lost to Calumet, but their desire to win the conference crown was unstoppable.

This year the team was part of the newly developed Lake Ten Conference. Conference members included Morton, Munster, Hammond High, and rivals Bishop Noll.

"I really think this new conference was a great idea. It includes all the teams we want to beat. I know we can, too!" exclaimed a proud four year team member Jeff Elo.

Most team members, as well as coaches, felt this new grouping was a good idea. It made conference play more fair because it was based on the size of the school. Highland felt they had the ability to take on all the other teams.

"I felt that this year's team was inexperienced, but seemed to be improving each week. It was neat to just stand back and watch them work more as a team and get so much better," recalls assistant coach Mr. McCallister.

Alice Zakrzacki

The Highland team shows their good sportsmanship as they shake hands with members of the other team they played.

Sophomore Brian Skaggs helps score a run for the team as he crosses home base after hitting a home run.

Junior Chad Mullins swings to hit the ball as it passes home plate. He has been playing since his freshman year.



## Baseball

## Spring Sports







R.1: M. Klapkowski, S. Shaginaw, C. Mullins, J. Dillon, Y. Issa, P. Gravanic, B. Kuchenberg, R.2: P. Wojnicz, J. Eilo, R. Guzman, K. Martin, B. MacDonald, F. Laota. R.3: Mr. Miller, T. McDonald, C. Sleeman, D. Coble, B. Skaggs, T. Adkins.



R.1: Mr. Edwards, L. White, E. Johnson, J. Mulligan, Mr. McKerty, R. 2: J. Kubon, J. Chicky, J. Lane, S. Ziemiak, R. Gordon. R.3: M. Cooper, J. Matthews, R. Krucina, B. Cliver, M. Havens.



R.1: Mr. Edwards, J. Cash, F. Tokoly, D. Duke, J. Kutchenburg, Mr. McKerty. R.2: D. Eagan, V. Pistilli, D. Hamstra, L. Roquet. R.3: N. Negovetich, R. Miller, M. Havens, G. Cabrara.

Junior Dave Coble gets ready to hit the ball for his team as they play Whiting. Senior Josh Dillon warms up before a game.

# BUNT

## *Harris, Ossanna, and Sker-tich dive for homerun victory during their season.*

This year's team was a great hit against their competition. By their third week into the official season they were already recognized as area leaders. They beat their Munster rivals along with Lafayette Jeff, Calumet, East Chicago, Whiting, and Harrison. They were well on their way to state, which was their goal.

The team was led by the four senior captains, Lisa Banas, Tonya Harris, Linda Montalvo, and Carrie Ossanna. This incredible effort was also lead by seven juniors and two sophomores. The coaches were Mr. Ruhs and Mr. Stein.

Another beneficial factor to this team's success was their family-like togetherness.

"We were so close it was great! I felt like a great big family toward the end of the season. We always cheered each other on and it really helped us a lot," remembers four year member, Linda Montalvo.

All of the other team members felt the same way. The girls could be heard always miles away, and this often intimidated the other teams.

"I think we beat Munster partially because of our enthusiasm and desire. We were really psyched to beat them and we did!" exclaims a proud Carrie Ossanna. She has been playing softball for about ten years, in town and for school.

This year's team had a determination that ended up paying off for them. Their work was worth it.

Laura Cichon

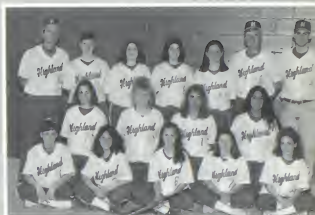
Junior Melissa Howell gets herself ready to catch any thing that comes her way to contribute to the team's victory.

Junior Melissa Kantowski puts forth all her effort to slide into third base. She has been playing since her freshman year.



## Softball

## Spring Sports



Varsity Row 1: T. Harris, M. Kantowski, A. Govert, H. Hugus, C. Ossanna. Row 2: J. Bogusz, M. Howell, H. Skertich, L. Montalvo. Row 3: Mr. Ruhs, L. Banas, S. Menke, K. Williams, N. Shiperek, Mr. Stein, S. Barney.



Junior Sara Menke steps up to the plate with intentions to hit a home run towards center field. Sara is also a pitcher for the team.

Junior Amy Govert takes her position on the field as she throws the ball to one of her team-mates on first base.

Junior Melissa Kantowski plays a deep second base during a game against one of Highland's top hitting opponents.

Coach Jerry Stein gives some pointers to his team members during a time out as they get ready to play for a winning inning.



# LOVE

## *Bognar, Betchen, and Volbrecht ace their way through the tough season.*

**T**his year's girls tennis team had a rough schedule, but still managed to pull through to a winning season.

Under new Coach Jennifer Janusonis, the team saw Tara Volbrecht in No. 1 singles, followed by Nicole Yadron and Sarah Courtright. Sarah did very well this year, working to a best in all-conference competition.

Leading the doubles teams were No. 1 seeded Arin Betchen and Helen Tzanetakos. Amy Hanak and Jen Bognar played No. 2. doubles.

In Junior Varsity competition, Dawn Herman was No. 1; Diane Nackman was No. 2, and Mary Burkman played in the No. 3 spot.

The Bishop Noll meet was one of the best of the season, since, according to Mary Burkman, the teams were well matched and competition was fierce.

Another match, against Griffith, also brought a lot of competition and tension, moving to a tie-breaker, and then even being postponed through a rain-out.

"We did our very best this year," says Mary Burkman. With a young varsity we still showed a lot of talent and spirit.

Coach Jennifer Janusonis offers some helpful advice to Jen Bognar one of the team captains on this year's team.

Third singles player Sarah Courtright returns a great forehand to her opponent. She had the best record on the entire team.

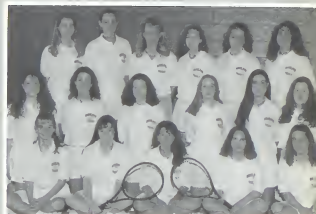
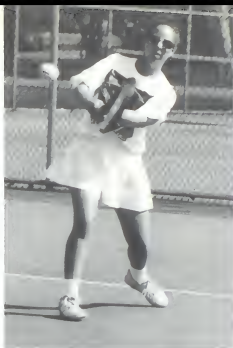
Sophomore Jenny Franz shows the power of her backhand in a home match against the Griffith Lady Panthers.

Number One Singles player and junior Tara Volbrecht practices her serve, Jen Bognar played second doubles.



# Girls Tennis Spring Sports





*Tennis R 1: M. Gembolis, S. Courtright, W. Kish, J. Franz, D. Herman R 2: M. Burkman, M. Gray, M. Maatej, K. Weyer, A. Betchen, A. Hanak R 3: D. Culic, T. Volbrecht, Coach Janusonis, J. Beanblossom, D. Nackman, J. Bogнар.*



Waiting her opponent's serve, junior Sarah Courtright seems confident she can handle any shot which comes her way.



Above left, number two singles, Nichole Yadron. Above right, Helen Tzanetakos.

# DASH

***Dwenger, Martin, and Durham lead the pack to the finish line of great success.***

**O**n your mark, get set, GO! The Trojans worked together as a team to take fourth at the first Lake 10 indoor meet. They were led by Josh Durham in the 100, 200, 400, and high jump and Todd Martin, who had outstanding performances in the 300 meter hurdles.

The team was not led by these individuals alone. It was a group effort, by far. The team would make a decision to lead a meet, and they held to it. One of their goals was to defeat their rivals Bishop Noll. They all tried as hard as they could, and Highland collected 63 points to their 55. The coach, Mr. Summers, as well as the athletes were proud of their season.

"I knew we could beat them, and as the meet went on I felt we were coming close. When they finally announced it, we were so happy!" remembers veteran team member Todd Martin.

The weather was helpful. Usually when the season starts in early February, the low temperatures sometimes bring down spirits, too. Not this year. The overall temperatures were as desired.

"We didn't want it to be too warm because then when a cold meet rolled around, we wouldn't be as prepared. This year it was perfect," says Nate Dwenger, who knows plenty about cold days. He has been running cross country as well as track for his whole high school career.

Alice Zakrzacki

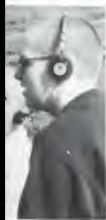
Top, Erin Underwood goes over the bar at the Calumet High School Invitational.

Straight down the lane is the best route for sprinter Aerio Arreguin, who excels in the classroom as well as in sports.

Right, Todd Martin takes a hurdle ahead of the pack at Calumet. Todd is a senior, and graduating this year.



## Boys Track Spring Sports



On this page: Above, Josh Durham. Kevin Kolbly and Dave Johnston, while Nate Dwenger takes command of the hurdles.



Track: Row 1: T. Martin, J. Gunn, N. Damasius, E. Underwood, D. Scherin Row 2: N. Dwenger, J. Skaggs, D. Johnston, B. Moulesong, Row 3: Coach Johnson, Coach Mulligan, J. Durham, E. Ellis, J. Klocek, Coach Summers.



Dru Grigson gets off a good effort in the shot put. Only a sophomore, he is already a valued team member.

# LAPS

*Petska, and Tabor ran laps around their competition to increase their team scores.*

And they were off! The track team's season was off to a running start. At their first Lake 10 indoor meet, the Lady Trojans took second with Bannister, Lane, and Begala leading the team. Other outstanding performances were handed in by Misti Rhodes who placed second in shot put and Leanne Ellis took third in the same event.

The sprint races were dominated by Highland. Leading the pack were Kelly Kenders and Kristy Lane in the 60. Lane also placed third in the 440 and first in the 220.

The team then moved outdoors, but that cold weather didn't phase them. They took second in their first home triangular meet. Freshman Robin Bognar may have had beginner's luck mixed in with new found skill when she placed third in the long jump and fifth in the 220. Marion Olszewski took fifth in long jump and sixth in the 440.

The most outstanding factor of the season was the desire portrayed by the whole team. The girls would set a goal and work until they achieved it. Junior Jill Petska had been on the team for three years. She has been a leading distance runner. During her off season she often swam, biked, and lifted weights in addition to running. Her work paid off with her lowest mile time ever of 5:30. Other team members often showed similar determination also.

"I am so glad I stuck with track this year. It helped me get in shape among other things," remembers senior Amy Fozkos, a distance runner.

Alice Zakrzacki

Senior Misti Rhodes gets ready to place the shot under her chin to practice her throwing glides for an up coming meet.



## Girls Track Spring Sports





**Girl's Track** Row 1: T. Lee, S. Gogolak, J. Govert, J. Novak. Row 2: J. Tom, D. Conn, L. Davis, A. Fozkoo. Row 3: J. Mulligan, Mr. Valiska, S. Sprainia, J. Begala, L. Rivera, R. Bogнар, Mr. Espitia.



Juniors Melissa Zimmerman and Anne Zymunt relax after their event, while Anne Schmal takes a drink from her water bottle.

Senior Dena Conn jumps the hurdles with perfect form, while junior Kassie Bannister stretches before her event.

# KICK

**Hasier, Parlor, and Heath kick their way ahead of the competition to their goals.**



This year's team scored big goals. They were led by captains R.J. Heath, Mike Fisher, and James Parlor. These team veterans helped a relatively young team succeed.

The season was off to a rainy start. The first few games were rained out, but the team's spirits weren't damped. They just figured it was more practice time. And practice they did! Their coach, Scott Hankins, put a new plan to work. For every red card received in a game, the players had to run a mile. After a while, fewer and fewer penalties were given to Highland.

New practice tactics like this helped the team advance. In a crucial game against Lake Central, the score was kicked back and forth the entire time. For every goal L.C. received Highland answered with just as much effort. In the end the Indians edged the Trojans, but the team was not too disappointed. They had given their best effort, and as they learned from their coaches, that was all that counted. The assistant coaches included Don Kime and Mark Tanis who also doubled as the J.V. coach.

"Our season record does not reflect our true hard work. Every game we lost was within two points. Next year the team should beat everyone else in the conference!" foretells junior Joey Mitcheltree. He has been on the team for three years and definitely plans to return next year.

Alice Zakrzacki

Senior Matt Benware and R.J. Heath get assistance from their teammates while playing against the team's opponent.

The team gets in a pre-game practice session while awaiting their rival team Crown Point to show up, while devoted fans look on.



## Soccer

## Spring Sports



R1: Catko, D. Hugas, J. Tarka, B. Howard  
M. Lively, J. Rechlich. R2: K. Babcock, M.  
Metsker, G. Serbenta, T. Much R3: Hoover,  
Z. Conds, S. Dudash, J. Escabedo, B. Sellis.



R1: White R2: N. Peters, T. Trivnovk, Fisher,  
R. Heath, J. Mitchelltree, J. Swisshelm,  
T. McMann R3: J. Tauber, J. Ratasak, J. Crawford,  
M. Lennhan, S. Condas, P. Haiser, M. Kanluk,  
K. Wokigak, M. Benware.



Goalie James Parlor has really proven that he is a great asset to the team while Justin Tauber and R.J. Heath hold for the ball.

Junior Joe Mitchelltree has good control of the ball during a game while he tries to make a goal. This is Joe's third year on the team.



# FOUR

## *Lane, Weyer, and Rozanski burn up the greens while hitting the birdies.*

**T**his year's golf team, coached by Mr. Dan Richardson, featured Tony Lane and Jason Rozanski, both seniors.

As of time of press, the record stood at 8-0 overall, and 6-0 in conference, with the undefeated team poised to take the sectional championship over rival Bishop Noll High School.

The Highland Link Men beat the third ranked team in the state, Valparaiso, by the score of 162-170. In the match held at Scherwood Golf Course, Jason Rozanski and Ryan Markley were medalists with 39's, while Tony Lane and Nate Weyer shot 42's.

The team low total for the season to date was 160 at Wicker Park against Gavit.

Varsity players included: Tony Lane, Jason Rozanski, Nate Weyer, Ryan Markley and Anthony Van Prooyen.

Other highlights of the season include individually best scores, as with Rozanski shooting an even par 36 at Portage, Tony Lane's one over par 37 at Portage, and Ryan Markley's 38 against Gavit on the Wicker Park course.

Tony Lane was medalist in over half the matches of the season; Rozanski was medalist in the other four, with Markley tied with the top two twice in the season.

Markley and Van Prooyen will step into leadership roles next year. Tony Lane will play at an Alabama Junior College, Shelton State; Jason Rozanski will play golf at St. Joseph College.

Senior Nate Weyer and Junior Ryan Markley check out their scores after practice. Nate has played golf for four years at Highland.

Seniors Jason Rozanski and Tony Lane walk to their next hole on the course. They were this year's leaders for the team.

As senior Nate Weyer drives the ball, he tries to avoid the sandpits at Wicker Park against Highland's long time rival Bishop Noll.



# Golf

# Spring Sports





*Golf* Row 1: T. Doffin. Row 2: R. Nagdeman T. Johns. Row 3: D. Hughes, B. Wynn, J. Moss. Row 4: Mr. Dan Richardson, R. Markley, N. Weyer, K. Price.



Coach Dan Richardson gives some advice to the team members as they prepare for a tough outing against one of their opponents.

Senior Nate Weyer tries to concentrate as he puts for a hole in one. He has been one of the top performers on Highland's team.

Senior Tony Lane practices his well-known swings to win yet another for the Highland team. He will go to college in Alabama.

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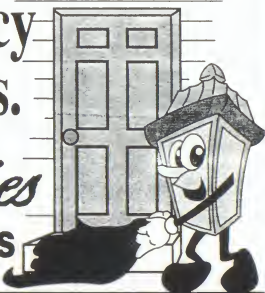
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## Highland Hockey Club has good season

Northern Ilina High School Hockey League Division A standings showed Highland Hockey Club in fourth place throughout the season. In the last regular season game, Highland beat Thornwood 5-4 to capture third place by one point with a 9-5-4 record, affording the club a better playoff schedule.

The playoffs showed Highland Hockey Club could win as they beat De La Salle and TF South to earn a chance at the championship. Falling short in the final game to Plainfield, Highland took second

place in the playoffs and also was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy to culminate a respectable league season.

In state tournament play, Highland beat New Haven 5-3 to qualify for the trip to Indianapolis. Surmounting a vicious winter storm, most of the team arrived in Indy after 12 hours. Highland lost to Columbus in the first round and had a 2-1 loss to Lake Central in the second round.

Highland Hockey Club: Row 1: T. Martin, K. Price, T. Mordus, C. Warren, J. Musser, R. Murzyn, S. Caddick. Row 2: Coach Hillemonds, B. Bonnema, D. Hanson, C. Bowton, T.J. Miklusak, C. Govert, J. Johnson, T. Caddick, J. Sharp, Coach Jackson. Not pictured: B. Barr, J. Hope, J. Turnbull, S. Jackson, J. Peters, A. Somodi.

Chad Warren makes a glove save as defenseman Kevin Price protects his goalie.



# Talents Shine Through

## Cast lead by Jennie Poe, Kim Easto

**T**his year's production of *Annie* as the Spring Musical ended another season of success for the Highland Theatre Company.

Mr. Martin Grubbs again directed the musical, with Victor Pazik as Music Director.

The role of Annie was performed by Jennifer Poe on Fridays, while Kim Easto took over the lead role duties on Saturdays. Matt Trudeau played Daddy Warbucks, with Grace Ferrell playing Carrie Ruhs and Mary Callaway in the role of Miss Hannigan.

Craig Maloney was Rooster, while Sarah Hull played Lily and Dave Blair took the role of FDR.

Shawn Fanning was Drake and Brian Vargas was Lt. Warsd.

The crew of orphans was a talented group of actors, and others played servants, FDR's cabinet, and characters from the Radio Show.

Melissa Bowen was Assistant Director of the show, and Jason Kaminsky served as Production Manager with Laura Abraham his assistant.

Dave Blair, Sarah Francis, Shawn Fanning, Chris Slager, Matt Trudeau and Jennie Poe rehearse a scene for the musical.

Carrie Ruhs, Mary Callaway, and Jennie Poe act out an important scene during dress rehearsal early in May.

Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Pazik, directors and coordinators, instruct the group as to how the rehearsal will go.

Annie, played by Kim Easto, shows her violent side as her and another orphan "sort" out their differences.





"Orphans", including Annie, crowd around the fire in the can for warmth during practice for opening night.

Sarah Hall scowls as she plays her part in the HHS play "Annie". This play requires emotions as is shown by Mary Callaway.



# PROM - '94

This year's  
Theme —  
HEAVEN!

This year's prom was a true ex-ample of heaven. It had all the right decorations, including a lighted bridge that extended to the open gates.

The theme of this year's prom was "Heaven". The court was Jackie Sowinski, Steve Stasny, Kelly Bieson, Paul Callaway, Mike Peters, Amy Govert, Randy Pete, Melissa Kantowski, Jill Bogusz, and Brian Lomax.

A new tradition began this year when the king was awarded a medal in place of a crown. The times have changed in the way of prom ideals. The dresses went from long and puffy to straight and short. The fashions portrayed a more elegant and simple look for the nineties.

The night was full of laughter and dancing that set everyone in a good mood. The Class of '95 worked hard to make this prom special for this year's seniors. After it was all over, the success gave every couple a taste of what heaven feels like.

Laura Cichon  
Kelly Herald

The prom court members pose for a picture after the king and queen were announced as Brian Lomax and Jackie Sowinski.

Juniors Stacy Dudash and John Hamstra have loads of fun as they go through the motions of the YMCA dance.

Seniors Mike Metrick, Mike Schmidt, Allen Keightly, Ed Negovetch, and Dave Flores pose for a group picture with their friends.

Juniors Anne Zygmunt and Melissa Breger participate in the line dance with other people after the dinner was finished.

## Brian Lomax, Jackie Sowinski lead court as couples dance the night away







Junior Brian Lomax and Jackie Sowinski smile for the camera after they became king and queen.

Sophomores Rachel Guzman and Bridgette Norris enjoy the dance with their friends.

Tom Caddick and Jen Harwood enjoy the last dance of the magical evening at prom.

Juniors Tracy Ziemniak, Jill Petska, and Angela Castillo-Flores have a good time getting down.



Junior Kristy Lane laughs the night away as she enjoys the success of Prom. She was a member of the Prom Committee.



Valedictorian Ed Negovetich and Salutatorian Arin Betchen spoke for all the graduates of the Highland High School Class of 1994.

Outgoing School Board member Burton Masepohl helped confirm diplomas on the class as Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright looked on with approval.



# GRADUATION

CLASS  
OF  
'94

Edward Negovetich, Arin Betchen  
lead graduates toward the future



**G**raduation! The end of four years of effort and experience! For the Class of 1994 this graduation also signalled a coming through the stresses of renovation and finishing their high school careers in a building which was in many ways brand new.

Ed Negovetich was class valedictorian, with Arin Betchen the salutatorian. Rounding out the Academic Top Ten were Tazio Fenoglio, Dawn Carlson, Jennifer Bogner, Jennifer Olszewski, Craig Maloney, Lisa Kurowski, Laura Abraham and Bridget Gates.

Mandy Norris was the president of this class of graduates, and class sponsors were Ms. Cindy Boyd and Mr. Adam Baez.

Principal Dr. Renner Ventling presented the class to Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright for graduation, and the Board of School Trustees conferred diplomas, making the Class of 1994 Highland's newest alumni.



Dr. Philip Cartwright, School Board member Larry Vassar, Amy Ogrentz and class sponsor Cindy Boyd at graduation. Right, *Link* editor David Flores leaves HHS behind.



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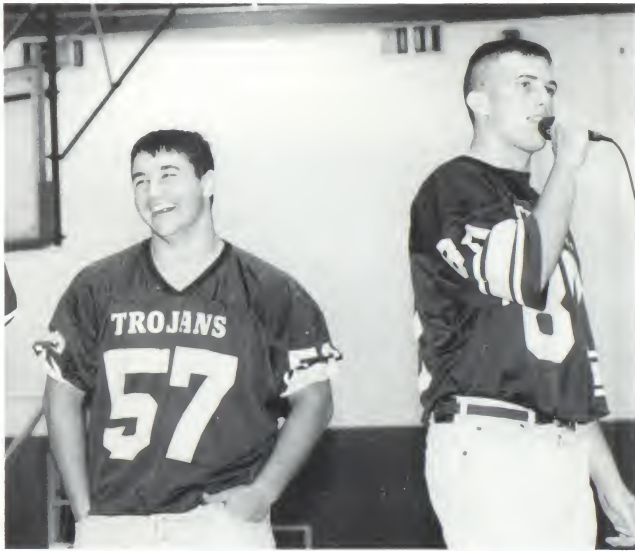
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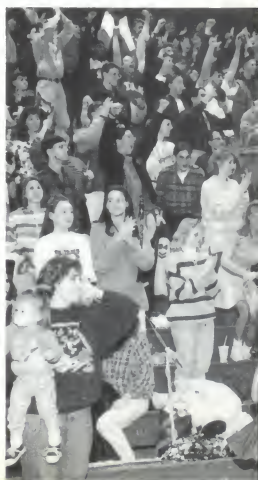
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Tracy Ziemniak and Michelle Sprainis helped Highland welcome new head football mentor, Coach Rob Hanson.

Todd Wilhoit helped keep the beat as Highland moved into a new era of the mid-nineties.





## From A New Start We Move Forward

**I**t has been an interesting time, moving through the beginning stages of renovation and on into the new year with a school which looks new, and slowly developing a new attitude as well.

While most of the classes have moved to other areas and other rooms, there is still enough to carry over from the old HHS. There are familiar faces and all the new things — from the new Media Center with its new library to the new natatorium and the swimming pool complex.

The classrooms are new and invite a new attitude. The hallways are quieter with the carpeting and the offices call up more efficient use of time and space.

Yet the biggest difference in HHS this year was the growing in over 1100 people. We moved from a time of youth through a time of growing up and growing on into our futures. There were news items in the world from Tonya Harding to the Clinton Health Plan, from Bosnia to an increased awareness of guns, gangs and other societal problems.

And we came through it all. We developed our attitudes and cheered the real winners at the Olympics. We cheered on our own teams and we watched each other grow into the adults we are becoming.

And through it all, we came to realize in an entirely new way, that no matter how things seem to come to an end, those are merely little endings, and the big picture is never really over until it's over.

Above, Junior Selene Nagy shows some of the best growing happened when we turned inward to read and analyze what was happening to us as people.

Left, the excitement of cheering on a Highland win was a bit sweeter with the new improvements in the gym. There was also a new attitude toward appreciating those who try.



# *It's Not Over 'Til It's*

# *O V E R*

Even though we  
have come  
through much —  
not only with the  
renovation but  
with our growth  
as persons in  
today's society,  
we still must  
realize our best  
is yet to come,  
and as we move  
ahead, we always  
keep in mind  
that realization  
— *It's Never  
Over 'Til It's  
Over!*









the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 1999). The prevalence of mental health problems in the UK is estimated to be 10% (Mental Health Foundation 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of people with mental health problems in the workplace. The Department of Health (1999) has published a report on the needs of people with mental health problems in the workplace. The report states that 'the needs of people with mental health problems in the workplace are not being met' and that 'there is a need to develop a national strategy for the workplace'. The report also states that 'the needs of people with mental health problems in the workplace are not being met' and that 'there is a need to develop a national strategy for the workplace'.

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